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HOT gold

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It's boiling inside this thing!!!! In an altempt to cool off, Senior Laura Heinrichs lifts the head of her panther costume for a breath of fresh air and a glass of water.

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Ouch! Senior Jody Whittaker Reitz winced at the sting from the measles vaccination that she and many others received at

Senior Mike Jovanovich hangs from the rim with a look of concentration after dunking the ball at the game against K.V.





Go Griffith Panthers! Juniors Jill Burbridge, Pam Evanantz, Barb Belush, and Laura Shoulders cheer on the Football team.



hot hot hot hot



All that glitters

hat makes every year so unique from all of the others? What's in and what's out? What's hot and what's not? While parachute pants, tie dye, Michael Jackson, and swatches made it years ago, spandex, Cavarizzis, and New Kids on the Block are just a few of the many things that we will remember about 1989-90.

What makes certain things so much more popular than others? Why were Cavarizzis so much more in demand than bell bottoms were in the '80? Why did everyone go crazy over Cabbage Patch Kids when there were thousands of other dolls on the shelves being ignored? It all boils down to us, what is it that we want and what is it we want to remember? Of course we want to remember good times, the awesome football season, the fun time at Prom, but all memories aren't always happy ones.

Every year has it's good and bad times. That's what memories are made of. When we look back on 1989-90, there will be many different things that we will remember. Our football team definitely burned themselves into our memories with their red hot season and Lake Suburban Conference Champion title. "Bad to the Bone" will always come to mind when years from now, we look back on this year. For the first time this year, Griffith High School must fulfill a requirement of having students go to school longer before summer vacation. Because of

Stuff

hothot



Dancing to the beat of the music. Seniors Ryan Davis and Bill Cox move to the music of the Music Men at this year's Turnabout.



Surprise! Calumet High School students TPed the trees and spray painted our school before the Homecoming game this year.

Seniors Wendy Mares, Kristin Birk, and Lisa Segally perform their Pantherette routine at halftime on Homecoming night.





this new requirement, this year's seniors will be graduating on a Wednesday night instead of the traditional Sunday afternoon. DECA going to Indianapolis to compete in the state finals, the push to get a salad bar in the cafeteria, the many different field trips various classes took and many other things will always rush back to someone's mind when thinking about this school year.

Whether it's a big change like graduation or a small change like the new lunch hour, it will always affect somebody. Whether it's the Batman craze, the outstanding decathalon team, Cavarizzis, "Bad to the Bone", or the "new" graduation, there will always be those golden memories of

1989-90 at Griffith High School.

We've come from tight to baggy clothes, from Jordach to Guess, and from eight tracks to compact discs. No matter how far it seems we've come, next year most of these fads will be long gone and new changes will take their place. Most likely we will look at pictures and wonder how we could have gone out in public wearing spandex and fixing our hair that way. Despite the many things we will remember, perhaps the biggest change will be the new decade. What's hot and what's not in 1990 is yet to be seen but one thing is for sure, whatever it is, it's sure to be hot and gold!



What's that? Senior Mark Osmulski and Mrs. Charmichael peer into the microscopes, trying to find the different parts of a cell.

Some like it hot

Being a student at GHS meant more than studying and going to classes. Proms, dances and various social activities could be found in every Student's Life

Honor Society, football, softball, Booster Club, decathlon and many other in-school activities take up a lot of Griffith High School student's time. When a student decides to become active in organizations and sports in school, they are sacrificing much of their free time to working on these things. Senior Mark Osmulski said, "I spend a lot of my time practicing for basketball."

Senior Michelle Jones explained, "Most of the free time that I have is spent with my boyfriend or studying."

Despite the dedication of these students, there is always a need for some free time to do something not related to school, something different for a change, something for yourself.

What kinds of things do the students at GHS do to escape from the sometimes monotonous routine of school? "I like to go to the mall, go out with my friends, and talk on the phone when I have a little freitime," explained senior Brandi Rentschler.

Senior Steve Spitz had a similar response when asked his idea of a good time. "I love to play sports, especially basketball and football and I also like going out with my friends and having a good time."

Spending time with friends seems to be one of the most popular things to do when students have extra time on their hands. The mall, Chicago, and the Riviera are some favorite places to go with friends but sometimes people don't always have to go "out" to have a good time. Junior Kevin Nordyke said, "Sometimes I just like to hang out with my friends."

Although being with friends is always a fun way to spend extra time, some students have other ways to spend their time out of school.

Senior Monica Taylor explained, "I spend most of my time, especially on weekends, working because I need money for college next year."

While many share the same feeling with Taylor, others don't want to work during school for one reason or another. Some feel that high school is the last time that they will be free from the responsibility of a job.

Senior Joe Sainato stated, "I don't work during school because I'm too lazy to work, go to school and participate in sports at the same time."

No matter what it is, Griffith High School students seem to have no problem finding ways to occupy their precious free time. Whether it is a hobby or just spending time with friends, when the students are lucky enough to get a break, they make the best of it!

Sophomore Adrienne Bolgeski summed it up best when she said, "I love being involved but everyone needs time for themselves and when you find it you should make the best of it!"

Taking a break from the fast moving music, sophomore Jennifer Romano and her date enjoy sharing a slow dance at Turnabout



hot hot hot hot



hot hot hot Life Division . 7

FINAL EXAMINATION

the 1980's

- 1. Who would you have liked to see jailed in the 80s?
 - a. Zsa Zsa Gabor
 - b. Jim Baker
 - c. Rob Lowe
- 2. What is the best invention of the 80s?
 - a. VCR
- b. answering machine
 - c. baby on board signs
- 3. What was your favorite movie of the decade?
 - a. Rainman b. Repo Man
 - b. Kepo Man
 - c. Batman
- 4. Who was the foxiest dude to hit the silver screen this decade?
 - a. Tom Cruise
 - b. Freddy Krueger
 - c. Mike Raketich
- 5. What was your favorite saying said at GHS during the 80s?
 - a. shun
 - b. fan
 - c. see ya
- 6. What Chicago team actually went all the way during the 80s?
 - a. Bears
 - b. Bulls
 - c. Cubs
- 7. Do you know who the Soviets shot out of the sky?
 - a. Korean Airlines
 - b. The Batwing
 - c. The Red Baron
- 8. Who was the sexiest female to hit Hollywood during the 80s?
 - a Jessica Rabbit.
 - b. Vanna White
 - c. Alyssa Milano



Get me out of here! Roger Rabbit is just one of many characters you can buy to stick to car windows. The fad started with the "... on board" signs and has expanded to California Raisins, Roger Rabbit and more!

- 9. Who do you think was the most popular Hoosier during the 80s?
 - a. Bobby Knight
 - b. Dan Quayle
 - c. Jerry Gurrado
- 10. Who has accumulated the most
- shoes over the decade?
 - a. Imelda Marcos
 - b. Lawrene Hawthorne
- c. Mike Jovanovich
- 11. Whose wedding do you remember the most?
 - a Di and Charles
- b. Maria Shriver and Arnold Swarzennegger
 - c. Dave and Sharon Smith
- 12. Which group was most prominent at GHS during the last decade?

- a. HWA
- b. preps
- c. stoners
- 13. What was your favorite new food of the decade?
 - a. fruit roll ups
 - b. sushi
 - c. Zappetites
- 14. What was your favorite Christmas
 - a. Sea Monkeys
 - b. a Chia pet
 - c. the Clapper
 - 15. Who is your hero of the 80s?
 - a. Robocop
 - b. Officer Segally
 - c. Amy Floyd, who saved the bus
- 16. What was printed on GHS students' sweatshirts most often during the 80s?
 - a. Bad to the Bone
 - b. World's Gym
 - c. Straight out of Griffith
- 17. What was the hottest school issue for GHS students during the 80s?
 - a. getting a juice machine
 - b. graduation changes
 - c. making up snow days
- 18. Who were the bitterest rivals of the 80s?
- a. Democrats and Republicans b. Sylvester Stallone and Brigitte
- Nielsen c. Griffith Panthers and Calumet
- Warriors
- **There are of course, no right or wrong answers, only your personal preferences for what you consider the Best of the 80s. However, we hope that we've mentioned some of your favorites as choices.



Junior Chris Zebracki performs her skateboard stunts in the high school parking lot. Although skateboards have been around for quite some time, in the 1980's they became a common source of transportation.

How does my hair look? Senior Dawn Dunnet shows off her new style. The banana clip was one of many hair accessories invented in the 80's. Big barrettes, bows, and combs were also very popular.





Mike Jovanovich proudly displays his size 13 Reeboks. Athletic shoes were the biggest fad to hit the shoe industry during the last decade. Styles were specially designed for events such as walking and aerobics.

HOTbuys

SPANDEX
RIPPED JEANS
ACID-WASHED JEANS
TIE-DYED
PARACHUTE PANTS
MINI SKIRTS
ANYTHING LEATHER
FLAT-HEELED SHOES
REEBOKS
HALF SHIRTS
JELLY SHOES
SLOUCH SOCKS
ANYTHING FLOURESCENT

FAX MACHINES
COMPACT DISCS
WALKMEN
CAR PHONES
PERSONAL COMPUTERS
VCR'S
MICROWAVES
SKATE BOARDS
FOOD PROCESSORS
BOOM BOXES
CAM CORDER
CORDLESS PHONE
BIG SCREEN TV'S



This just doesn't compute. Junior Mike Bell uses a computer to find an answer. Personal computers hit during the '80s. And to think it all started with an Apple.

Have you ever danced with the devil in the pale moon light? Senior Chris Hawkins shows off the logo from one of the hottest movies of the '20s. The Batman craze hit everywher.

Thumbs up

- x STAR WARS
- ✓ SUPERMAN
- X BACK TO THE FUTURE
- **✓** BATMAN
- * LETHAL WEAPON
- ✓ GHOST BUSTERS
- x RAMBO
- ✓ RAINMAN
- X DEAD POETS SOCIETY
- ✓ NAKED GUN
- X MISSISSIPPI BURNING
- ✓ ROCKY
- * THREE MEN AND A BABY
- ✓ INNER SPACE
- INNER SPACE
- x BIG
- **✓ LISTEN TO ME**
- X ROGER RABBIT
- ✓ INDIANA JONES
- x HOOSIERS
- ✓ DIRTY DANCING
- * BEACHES
- ✓ LOOK WHO'S TALKIING

A Decade of Change

In the news...

1980

 Nancy Reagan wears a \$9000 gown to Inaugural Ball

1981

* One out of three Americans is a member of a fitness center, gym or health spa

1982

* Reports say AIDS is spreading

1983

* Sales of cellular phones rise

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"Trivial Pursuit" becomes a national craze

1985

* Reebok shoe sales boom

1986

 Fear radiates around globe after leak at Chernobyl

1987

 Frozen foods are marketed in microwayable dishes

1988

* Bush and Quayle elected

1989

* Tammy Bakker sings as husband Jim is jailed - the decade is over!



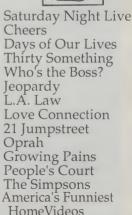
Hey, don't have a cow man! Senior Laura Heinrichs shows off the hottest new fashion. The Simpsons' Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie became one of Americans favorite families and a hot show during the %k.



I want to eat and I want it now. Senior Marc Lesniak cooks in Home Ec class. Microwaves were a hot item during the early '80s. But later on the decade microwaveable food in microwaveable containers were the new steaming items.

T.V. SHOWS

The Cosby Show
Dallas
Hill Street Blues
Miami Vice
Wheel of Fortune
Nightline
Moonlighting
Cable News Network
MTV
St. Elsewhere
Trapper John M.D.
MASH
General Hospital
Brady Bunch reruns
Hunter



Some like it hot

Homecoming

Costumes, crownings, crushing complete week's festivities

Homecoming is the time of year when students and teachers come together to promote spirit

"I was really surprised when I heard my name announced. It made me feel really honored," said Queen Genny Huddleston. throughout the school. Everyone has a few memories that will always be remembered. Homecoming for Steve

Trivunovic and Gen Huddleston was very special. To them it meant being crowned King and Queen.

"I was so surprised I could not believe it. The minute I heard my name I turned around and hugged Kylee McLellan, wiping my tears on her shoulder," said King Steve Trivunovic.

"I was really surprised when I heard my name announced. It made me feel really honored," said Queen Gen Huddleston.

Other seniors on court were Jayme Davis, Michelle Castillo, Michelle Jones, Kylee McLellan, Mark Osmulski, Mike Raketich Frank Sainato and Joe Sainato.

Activities night is an opportunity for each class to compete against. each other and try to win as many points as possible. Each class tries to win enough points to be declared the champions. Since Activities Night is held the night before Homecoming, it is a chance for everybody to get ready for the game. This year a new tradition was hopefully started. Each class was given a color to wear; seniors wore black, juniors wore gold, and sophomores wore white. It was devised to show support for your class. Some of the activities for the year were a balloon pass, powderpuff football. pyramid building, leap frog, a yelling contest, and a tug of war. After

all the points were added up, the juniors came up on top, seniors in second, and sophomores in third.

This year the Student Council tried to add some variety to Spirit Week. Monday was pro sport day, Tuesday was dress up day, Wednesday was costume day, Thursday was inside-out and backwards day, and Friday was black and gold day.

"I thought pro-sport day was fun. It was easy and practical for everyone," said senior Tom Grasisifi. Many didn't have to do much for Monday. If you had anything with the Bears, Bulls, or Cubs you were in the spirit.

Wearing Sunday's best was next. Tuesday was dress up day.

Babies, ghostbusters, nerds, hippies, and old ladies were a few of the

Seniors Wendy Mares and Jenny Whitfield show their school spirit by performing at halftime.



Panther fever catch it! This was the theme of the winning float completed by the sophomore class. This was the third consecutive year that the sophomores won first place.





At the beginning of the game the team enters the field by breaking through the hoop. Junior Alex Djukic was chosen to lead the team to a victory over Highland.





Senior Genny Huddleston reacts with disbelief upon hearing her name announced as the 1999 queen. Her friend Kylee McLellan shares the excitement as Mike Raketich applauds the winner.



Some like it hot

> strange things that walked through the halls on Wednesday. No, it was not Halloween, it was costume day. It gives the students a chance to show their wild side. "I like costume day, it shows the off beat side of people," said junior Nikki Billingsley.

> Did you get dressed in the dark? That might have been a question you were asked if you participated on Thursday. Inside-out and

backwards day. Friday finally arrived

Friday finally arrived and along with it came a pep session, a parade, the game, crowning the King and Queen and the last day of spirit week, black and gold day.

The pep session started at 2:30 in the main gym. Cheerleaders, Pantherettes, and sweatergirls did routines to get everyone hyper. "I really enjoy the pep

sessions. It gives
everyone a chance to
show the team we are all
behind them first hand,"
said senior Brandi
Rentschler. Coach Les
Thornton then gave his
pep talk for the fans and
team alike. He then

called the team captains out on the floor with a black bag, inside was the ever popular bone. It was used as a morale booster for the team as well as the fans, "The bone was my favorite part of the pep session, it symbolizes the great wishbone offense we run," said senior Mike Steele. The bone not only helped get everyone hyper, but the idea flowed into other things.

The parade started at 4:30 at Franklin School. The parade went down Broad Street and ended in the football field parking lot. "I really enjoyed being in the parade, it was a good chance to be with my friends," said senior Monica Taylor.

After the parade, it was time for the judging of the floats. The sophomores chose the theme 'Panther Spirit Catch It', the juniors chose 'To Outrageous To Cage Us', and the seniors chose 'Ba To The Bone'. After the judging was completed the sophomores came in first, the seniors second, and the juniors third. "I' was

really excited when the sophomores won the float building contest. It made all the hard work pay off," said sophomore Denise DeBoer. The Spirit Week overall winners were also announced. All the scores were added and the senior class won first place, the juniors second, and the sophomores third.

It was finally time for the game to start. The Panthers were already having a great season and a win over the Trojans became another highlight.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the Panthers destroyed the Trojans 57-8.

"It was great beating Highland so easily," said Trivunovic.

"Homecoming is my favorite time of the year, it feels like there is electricity in the air. Plus, it is a good time to dress up and look goofy," said senior Janet Hayes.

Homecoming Royalty. Gen Huddleston and Steve Trivunovic smile at the crowd and the cameras minutes after being crowned Queen and King



The Homecoming court was Michelle Jones, Kylee McLellan, Michelle Castillo, Jayme Davis, Gen Huddleston Frank Sainato, Steve Trivunovic, Mark Osmulski, Joe Sainato, and Mike





Riding high! Members of the Varsity and junior varsity cheerleading squads try to motivate the crowd during the annual parade down Broad Street.

Hey everyone look! I'm in the parade! Members of the senior class walk proudly in the parade in front of their float and banner.



Bad to the bone! I can see the Dome! Seniors Brian Guvera and Mike Steele made the banner to show support for the team during their hot season.



Some like its hot

Good luck

Charms, superstitons and rituals help students get by

Find a penny pick it up and all the day you'll have good luck. Broken mirrors, black cats, four leaf clovers, walking

"I always warm up in the shower before my games. But, I'm fully dressed and the water is off of course," said senior Brian Weyhe. under a ladder, salt over your shoulder, knock on wood and opening an umbrella in the house are all examples of superstitions.

good luck charms and rituals.

Good luck charms are often pieces of childhood, first or favorite toys, or family heirlooms.

"My good luck charm is a teddy bear I got when I was a new born. I have had it ever since," said junior Lee Anne Tucker.

"I got my good luck charm from my younger brother. He found it and gave it to me. I took it off for one day and it was one of the worst day of my life. I put it back on and haven't taken it off since," said senior Lori Day.

Some good luck charms are gotten through dishonest means. Since the thief didn't get caught it is used for their good luck charm. "When I was in sixth grade I stole a charm of St. Benedict. I never got caught so I use it as good luck charm," said junior Jason Reyome.

Many sports players have superstitions. They perform them before the game to help them play better, or because they are on a winning streak.

"I always wear dirty socks to all of my games for good luck. I have also worn the same shoes for four years," said senior Matt Lake.

Rituals are also sports related. Sometimes they are performed to get in the right frame of mind to play well. Individual players and teams sometimes preform them together.

"I also warm up in the shower before my games. But, I'm fully dressed and the water is off of course!" said senior Brian Weyhe.

The football team's ritual was walking to Villa Pizza to eat before each game.

"We started eating at Villa about two years ago. Don Mills, a big fan told me he wanted to feed the team before the games. We've always eaten with the team before the game to make sure the team is eating right. For the '89 season he made us a deal. If we won he would pay; if we lost we had to pay. Our season was so successful we never had to pay: the only game we lost was to Noll and that ended the season. Going there gave the players a good chance to get in the right frame of mind for the game," said head coach

Hey you broke the mirror! That's seven years bad luck! This is an example of an old superstition.



Help me remember this facts Senior Lori Day rubs on her lucky necklace for good luck. Many good luck charms are used to help remember important facts for tests.





I better get my wish! This is costing me a fortune! Senior Monica McCabe throws pennies in a wishing well. The wells at the Mall are some of the more popular.

I sure hope this works! Sophomore Matt Dillon tapes his shoes before his shoes before his Cross Country meet. Many players have rituals before they compete.



This salad sure is good. Seniors Mike Raketich and Todd Hoot eat at Villa Pizza before a football game. The football team ate there every week.





Melodrama

Dark Deeds at Swans Place makes new style successful

What do you get when you have a handsome hero, a petite heroine and one very nasty villain; a nineteenth

"I think the audience participation made the for this years play more interesting..." said junior Jill Burbridge. at Swann's

century melodrama. and the setting

fall play Dark Deeds Place was a very different

change from the musicals done in the past few years. Junior Chris Swatts commented, "It was neat having some thing different done, we've never had a melodrama before. I really liked it.' Audience participation

is something rarely seen in a school performance, but it played a very big part this year. As the people sat down they were invited by M. C Kristen Revome, senior, to boo for the villain and to cheer for the hero, "I think the audience participation made the play more interesting

and helped you get into it more," said junior Jill Burbridge

Even though it was such a new concept for many the play also had a very good turnout. Producer Gerald Speiewski commented. "We received a very positive response, the audience liked it very much, and we had a much larger crowd than was expected." The actors, dancers, and choir also enjoyed the play. "It was fun being on stage and hearing people cheer for me, even though I wasn't a heroine; they liked the way I handled things," stated senior Katrina Gasper. Many of the students enjoyed being in the play so much, that they said they would like to do it again next year, "I wish I had gotten involved sooner, it was a neat and experience for me, and I definitely look forward to doing it next year," commented Swatts. Very different

performers. Some of the actors and actresses, had a very hard time getting the feel of the character they were suppose to portray. "The kids really didn't have anything to relate to, they had to create not imitate." said Spejewski. Swatts added, "At the beginning I was apprehensive but once I got started I really got into the role." Hard characters to portray required a lot of long practices. Two months. three to five days a week, for two or more hours, the cast practiced. Sometimes weekends were given up, but when it came to the actual performance it all paid

characters and very

outlandish costumes

provided a degree of

difficulty for the

Senior Laura Heinricks and iunior Alicia Raketich wait patiently for senior Michelle Jones to finish her lines, Long practices were a very big part of this year's play.



Junior Amanda Dwyer prepares Freshmen Chrissy Fisher for the first scene. Sometimes it took more than an hour to put on make-un





Junior Chris Swatts listens attentively as sophomore Mike Farley goes over his lines one last time. Mike also sang in the choir.

Junior Chris Swatts, junior Jeff Ferguson, and senior Michelle Jones rehearse their lines as well as their actions and places during a dress rehearsal.



Senior Dave Thompson realistically performs the part of Captain Bermuda as senior Katrina Gasper and junior Jeff Ferguson listen in disgust to his aviid dependent.



Some like it hot

Beware

Pranksters sending students on chases for phony objects

No matter what the reason is for playing a practical joke, it is a fact that almost everyone at GHS plays some kind of joke on someone else at

"Mr. Platt told me to get him an adjustable shelf stretcher. So, I went to Mr. Witt's class to get one...Ididn't even realize it was a joke," said senior Doug Lovin. one time or another. These pranks range from telephone calls to putting

signs on people to toilet papering

Most of the time, practical jokes are all in good fun. Melissa Morris, junior, said, "I remember one time my friends and I went out to lunch. I decided to set all the clocks in the car 15 minutes ahead. When we arrived back to the school, she noticed the time. She went rushing in class and she couldn't figure out Why no one was in the class. Later I told her."

Students aren't the only people who play pranks. Doug Lovin, senior, said, "One time Mr. Platt told me to get him an adjustable shelf stretcher. So, I went to Mr. Witt's class to get one. Then he sent me to Mr. Glassford's class. I didn't even realize it was a joke until I realized they were all laughing at me."

Although pranks are fun they can get out of hand. Senior Aron Schurke said, "I think they (jokes) are cool, but it's also the best way to lose friends."

Mr. Charles Ricks said, "At one time I sent a student to Mr. Parker's class to look for the paper stretcher because his drawing didn't fit on the paper. So he went to Mr. Parker's room. Mr. Parker said that someone must have lost it and to go to the office to find it. The kid, when he was in the office asked Mr. Smith for it. The real kicker was Mr. Smith started looking for it.

"When someone left the class to go to the bathroom, Mr. Car told everyone to hide. So we left the class and hid under the stairs. When she came back no one was there." Said senior Michael Mauch.

Senior Terry Rudzinski said, "Mr. Platt sent someone looking for 10 feet of clear fallopian tube."

Although pranks are fun, A person should be careful not to play a practical joke on the wrong person. Senior Brian Kuss said, "Don't ever play a practical joke on someone you know can beat you up."

No matter how cruel or how immature practical jokes are, they are a great way to show a persons creativity.

Putting signs on peoples' backs are an old, but still a very common practical joke here at Griffith High School.



Senior Terry Netos blocks his books, as senior Eric Seffner tries to knock them out of his hands.





Toilet papering trees is a popular prank that people play on friends when they can't think of anything else to do.

An annonymous student student is about to get into a sticky situation. Practical jokes this extreme may cause a friendship to end.



Seeing a lock open during passing periods may be tempting to pass up. Many students will put their friends locks on backwards as a practical joke.



Piggy, Kermit, and Fozzi are just a few of the muppets that Jim Henson created. His muppets have brought him much fame and many awards since their hirth in the 50s.

Muppet puppeteer dies at 53

1936-1990. Jim Henson, creator of the Muppers and the voice of Kermit the frog, Ernie and game show host Guy Smiley, died on Wednesday, May 16, of a massive bacterial infection.

Henson was born September 24, 1936. He grew up in Maryland, but as an adult, he made Manhattan his home. During the 1950s, he got his first job as a puppereer in Washington D.C. In 1958 she won an Emmy for "Sam and His Friends", a TV show featuring the muppers.

Henson's big break

came in 1969 when his muppets starred on "Sesame Street." Millions

of children have grown up with Kermit, Piggy, Gonzo, Cookie Monster, Oscar and Big Bird. "Sesame Street" is seen in more than 80 countries and

has 15 international co-

productions.

The weekly Muppet
Show primiered on TV in
1976. It was the most
widely seen program in the
world with 235 million
viewers in 100 countries.
His Muppet Show album

won a Grammy Award in 1979. The Muppets took Manhattan in the 80s and Piggy and Kermy fell in love. Also in the 80s, Henson helped to produce The Dark Chrystal and Labrinth.

His Saturday morning cartoon, "The Muppet Babies," won four consecutive Emmys for outstanding animated

programs.

Jim Henson added one
more hit to his list of
contributions before he
died. This year he brought
Teenage Mutant Ninja
Turtles to the box office.
It was a smash hit, ranking
second only to 'Pretty
Woman.'

The ten foot wall that divided the city of Berlin into East and West is no longer a barrier between the two. After twenty-eight cold-war years, the Berlin Wall finally came down.

Suddenly West Berlin

blazed with neon, fireworks and emotion On the Kurfurstendamm, West

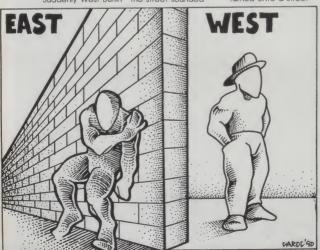
On the Kurfurstendamm, West Berlin's fashionable shopping boulevard, BMWs mingled with East Berlin's Trabant, as W. Berliners lining the street sounded the tops of visiting cars in a triumphant welcome.

Ermfried Prochnow, a West Berlin taxi driver didn't believe the news. He thought someone was kidding with him until he turned onto a street jammed with confirming evidence. "A traffic jam!" exulted the cab driver who had fled from the East a year before the wall was built. "It's a perfect, beautiful traffic jam!"

The crush turned into a national celebration. At the Brandenburg Gate, on the eastern side of the wall, thousands burst into the old square that used to be the heart of an undivided Berlin and a united Germany. West Berliners leaped over the wall and dropped into the arms of those below.

At first, the border guards were uncertain of what to do but then they rejoiced with the rest of the united city. Now no one checked cars for would-be escapees.

The ten foot wall that divided Berlin into East and West finally came down. Joyous Germans rejoice that there is no longer any barrier between them. Drawing was done by Thomas Caroc.





Mr. Sam Cox tries to get a call through to his daughter living in the Bay Area. After trying all morning, he finally got word that she was ok.

EARTHQUAKE RATTLES BAY AREA

n orthern Californians who were in the wrong place at 5:04 p.m. on October 17 were jolted into an awful realization: a major earthquake had struck the Bay Area and its six million residents during rush hour. In fifteen seconds, an estimated 100 people had been killed and 3,000 injured, making the quake the third most lethal in U.S. history.

Méasuring 6.9 on the Richter scale, the quake that rocked San Francisco was also felt 20 miles northeast at the University of Nevada. In Los Angeles, 400 miles to the south, high-rise buildings swaved and water sloushed out of swimming pools.

Just twenty-one minutes before the third game of the World Series, the TV pictures from Candle Stick Past started to jiggle. Then they lost power. The network had to switch to a rerun of a sitcom.

The 58,000 baseball spectaators were very confused. The stadium shuddered. Light towers swayed. The foul-line poles in right and left field whipped back and forth. Although expansion joints at the top of the stadium absorbed most of the shock, chunks of concrete fell as expected. One dangerous block crashed into a seat in section 53. Fortunately, it's occupant had eagn to buy a hot doe a few minutes earlier.

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Buck Helm, 57, survived being buried alive for ninety hours in the twicer's simulkin. Buck Helm, 57, survived being buried alive for ninety hours in the wreckage of his compact car. It was a fluke that a rescue worker saw a sign of movement in the rubble. Due to foul weather, the search efforts were suspended until morning. Helm was pulled

Due to four weather, the search erforts were suspended until morning. Freim was pulie from his car at 11:00 am the next morning, five hours after digging began. Not only were the effects of the earthquake felt in California, but they were also felt all over the country. Families of residents involved in the disaster tried desperately to reach relatives on the phone, but phone lines were cut off as well.

Chinese students protest

All over Europe, communist control was crushed and new governments emerged. In China one of the bloodiest protests turned into a failure. Hundreds of thousands of angry students filled

Tiananmen Square in Beijing. They demanded greater democratization and an end to nepotism and corruption.

On Saturday, May 20, 1989 the first stage of the bloody battle began. Primier Li Peng and President Yang Shangkun imposed martial law by ordering troops from the People's Liberation

Army (P.L.A.) to enter the city.

In early June, the city returned to somewhat of a normality even though 250,000 troops were poised on the outskirts of the city. They were headed right for Beijing. Meanwhile, members of the innermost circle of China's Communist Party met to resolve a bitter power struggle. Apparently, the losers were a reformist group led by Party Chief Zhao Ziyang. Diplomatic sources said that Zhao had been stripped of his

power, but not of his title.

Although the leaders of the PLA initially

seemed torn by the crisis, within a week most active generals had sided with the hard-liners, out of loyalty to Deng and concern for the restoration of order.

> Although George Bush's ties with China date back to his years as head of the US liason office in Beijing ('74-'75), the President seemed as unsure of the situation as anyone. After meeting with Wan Li, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Bush issued a cautious statement. It appeared to back

the students by saying that the U.S. encouraged worldwide growth of democracy, but it also encouraged the government by vowing that he was committed to expanding normal constructive relations with China.

After Tiananmen Square broke out into a bloodbath of violence, George Bush had to take a firmer stand. He warned that the hard-won "constructive relationship" between Washington and Beijing cannot be fully resumed until China returns to the path of political and economic reform.





The Simpsons. Where did they come from? This fall the Simpson family made it's way into the heart of most of America. Bart is just one of the crew that keeps us laughing every Sunday night.

America's favorite family

Bart Simpson. To some, this means nothing, but to a lot of people in America Bart Simpson is an obnoxious ten year old seen on television's The Simpsons' every Sunday night. The Simpsons are not your normal family. They are quite the opposite. The Simpson family lives in a suburb

consists of five members.

Marge, the wife as well as mother on the program, sports a huge blue beehive hairdo and often stores things in it. She is a preachy, air-headed character in her own

called Springfield and

world.

Homer, the husband and father of the family has his own strange uniqueness. He is known as

"Bonehead" at work and gets along almost as well at home. He is always arguing with his family, especially Bart.

His son Bart, is a ten year old boy who is smart mouthed and very witty. He is always competing with his dad and takes advantage of every chance

to out do his dad

Lisa is the second grade daughter who is very whiney but can get on the good side of most adults in a minute. She is always bickering with Bart and often acts older than her

The baby girl, Maggie, has never been known to talk but often makes her presence known by making loud obnoxious sucking noises on her pacifier. She seems to get along with everyone in the family. Is

it any wonder?
Why does all America
love the Simpsons?
Everywhere you look,
Simpson merchandise can
be found and ratings are
sky high.

After 1,182 days of captivity, Robert Polhill finally got to taste the jay of freedom when he was released from Lebanon where he was held hostage. Polhill requested a Big Mac, New York Times and a pair of new

shoes. First he was in Germany, and then continued traveling and arrived in Washington at the Water Reed Army Medical Center.

While the release of Polhill is a huge step in the right direction,

there are still 17 other prisoners being held in Lebanon and until all of them are released, the worries will not end. Seven of these prisoners are American.

There are several reasons people are

giving for the hostages being taken. Some claim that Islamic factions are to be held responsible. The real reason is not known for sure. These people claim to have evidence that will show that this is true. They say that while they were held captive, they were with other captives that different terrorists were holding. One hostage who was kidnapped in May of 1985 and freed 18 months after Anderson, said that he was with Terry Anderson, Tom Sutherland, the Reverand Lawrence Jenco, and Benjaman

A sign made for Polhill's release said it best. It read WELCOME HOME! PRAY FOR THE OTHERS



After an extremely long period of time, former hostage Richard Polhill was released from Lebanon. Although there are other hostages, his release was a huge step in the right direction.



Junior Melissa Flemming picks up garbage outside. She was one of the many from her church that participated in an attempt to clean up the earth on Earth Day.

Earth day. Everyone heard about it on the radio, read it in the newspaper and saw it on the television. The topic was everywhere but what really was earth day? On Sunday, April 22, it was not uncommon to see people walking to their destination instead of driving, saving cans instead of throwing them away, and saving glass containers for recycling instead of putting them in the garbage. What was the cause for all of this? Earth day was a special day that was set asside to recognize the problem with our environment and putting to use the different ways we have learned to protect it. With some practice ways of preserving our environment every day, most do not. Earth Day is an annual event but because it was the 20th anniversary, huge celebrations took place. It was expected that over 100 million people worldwide would participate in Earth Day 1990.

Some problems focused on were the toxic waste dumps, growing mountains of garbage, shrinking tropical rain forests and a huge hole in the ozone layer. The motive was to raise the awareness and to direct anger into activities and movements that make a real difference. Speeches were made, programs were created, and trees were olanted.

Earth Day 1990 sponsored a week long campaign to show practical ways to improve the environment in our every day lives. Monday was Energy Efficient Day, Tuesday was Recycling Day, Wednesday was Water Conservation Day, Thursday was Alternative Transportation Day, and Friday Toxics Information Day. Saturday the week ended with Outdoor-Recreation Day.

There are numerous things to do to help save the planet. Make sure to recycle your motor oil. Put a plastic bottle in the toilet tank and save 1 to 2 gallons of water per flush. Whatever it is we decide to do, participation 365 days a year is necessary by all.

Candle in the wind

Quite a few years ago, a word was introduced into our language. No one thought much of it at first. It was only when we realized what kind of problem we had our our hands that we started

educating America about AIDS. The number of victims is tremendous but perhaps the most memorable victim was Rvan White, Rvan was a hemophiliac who contracted AIDS by a blood transfusion in 1985. He lived in Kokomo Indiana where he was banned from attending school because the community feared that the other

children in the school might contract AIDS also. In 1985, most people did not know or understand anything about AIDS and most people feared the worst. Today, there have been many efforts to educate the world about the deadly disease. Ryan White and his family won the court case and he was allowed to go back to school. Because of the big hype over the case and the sensitive nature of the topic, the Whites decided to move out of that town. They moved to Cicero Indiana where Ryan was enrolled back into a logal school. By this time, Ryan was very

popular and almost everyone knew about his case. Ryan started speaking out about AIDS. He started appearing with famous athletes, musicians, and singers. One singer who was by

Ryan's side every step of the way was Elton John.

First Lady Barbara Bush, Michael Jackson, and Elton John were a few of the many who attended Ryan's funeral when he died at 18

Ryan was a child who wanted to educate America about AIDS and he did everything he could to do that. He was very

courageous and will be remembered by an unimaginable number of people. Brad Letsinger, one of Ryan's best friends had this to say about Ryan. He said, "He didn't want people to feel sorry for him. He hated that. He just wanted to be a regular kid." President George Bush said this, "Ryan has helped us understand the truth about AIDS and he's shown all of us the strength and bravery of the human heart."

Whenever anybody mentions the name Ryan White, almost everyone will remember the courageous boy who put aside his ownfears.



Some like it hot

"Dancing after the games is a good

way to work off all the candy you

have eaten during the game," said

sophomore Dedra Rutherford.

Dancing

Roger Rabbit, kick stepping popular choices of students

Dance fever has swept through Griffith High!! On any given Friday, Saturday, or Sunday night you can find a

can find a place to dance, for instance, school dances, and teen nights at local bars. There are also dance clubs like Medusas.

Castanovas, and Off The Alley.

On Friday nights after basketball and football games, the upstairs gym is packed with students dancing to the music of Rob Base, Paula Abdul, and Bobby Brown.

"School dances are fun because you get to dance not only with your friends but with everyone that you are acquianted with," said junior Alicia Raketich. Sophomore Dedra

Rutherford comments, "Dancing after the games is a good way to work off

all the candy you have eaten during the game."

"They are fun when we win the game because everyone is in a good mood, but when we lose it can be depressing," said senior Mark Osmulski.

Most likely more music like house, rap, and new wave can be heard at the dance clubs.

"Dance clubs are a neat way of meeting new people and learning different moves," said senior Julie Lator.

Sophomore Jenny Cebulski added, "I like to go to dance clubs because you get to see different fashions, personalities, and dance to different types of music."

"I like going to dance clubs because the atmosphere is cool and exciting," said senior Darin Anderson.

Along with different places to dance come different kinds of music people like to dance to.
"I like to dance to rap
because it has a good
beat and is easy to
understand," said junior

Pam Stanford.
"I love to fast dance with my friends because we have fun and do things that entertain each other," said senior.

John Bogner.
Sophomore Denise
Thompson added, "Slow
dancing is fun because it
is a time when you get
to be with your
boyfriend alone."

Even though there are different places to dance as well as types of music, what is the real reason people love to dance?

"Dancing is something that takes energy but is fun." said sophomore Donnie Higgins.

Strange things are sometimes done at dances to draw attention. Here senior Rick Sell does a flip with the help of his friends as others look on.



Seniors Jayme Davis and Jen Bednar along with juniors Lisa Osmulski and Pam Stanford dance together at a school dance. Group dances are popular to particular songs.





Junior Amy Floyd and senior Matt Barrett dance together on a Friday night. The upstairs gym is a popular hangout after a basketball or a football game. Senior Mike Steele and junior Dennis Kelley are the center of attention as they dance. Along with dancing the same they are also wearing the same outfit. This is sometimes noticed at the dances.



Some students dance together with certain moves. Juniors Nikki Kurzeja and Amy Strack are found dancing to the beat at a dance after a varsity game.



Some like it hot

Turnabout

Tradition takes taxing turn girls ask guys to semi-formal

Girls nervously waited for the right moment to ask that special guy.

Guys dropped subtle hints that they would say 'yes'. This

"Turnabout plans are a could mean lot of work, but the outcome is worth it," said on Turna junior Holly Farrar.

could only
mean one
thing.
Turnabout was
on its way.

"I was really nervous about asking someone to Turnabout.
But, I was really relieved

But, I was really relieved when he said 'yes'" said Senior Brandi Rentschler. Once a date was found

Once a date was found the perfect dress had to be made, bought, or borrowed. Flowers had to be ordered and dinner plans had to be made.

"Turnabout plans are a lot of work. But the outcome is worth it," said junior Holly Farrar.

Turnabout was held at the Greek Orthodox Hall in Schererville on February 10. "I like the hall that

holds Turnabout.

especially since the dance floor is a lot bigger," said senior Michelle Jones.

The music was provided by the Music Men. Many like D.J.s instead of a band.

"I like D.J.s better. You can hear the real song not a band's version of said sophomore Dana Kelderman.

When the Music Men took a break the Turnabout Court was announced. The court consisted of Denise Castillo, Jenny Cebulski, Denise DeBoer, Jenny Ker, Tricia Roye, Russ Dewes, Donnie Higgins, Todd Leslie, Neil Mikulsik, and Mike Hernandez.

Moments later, Tricia Roye and Mike Hernandez. were announced princess and prince.

"I was really happy and surprised when I heard my name. I especially enjoyed everyone congratulating me and all the pictures," said Mike Hernandez.

"I was really happy and surprised. It was exciting to hear my name announced," said Tricia Roye.

After the crowning, the new royalty danced to the theme song 'I Remember You' by Skid

"I thought the theme was really suitable for Turnabout this year, I think it, in a way, describes the way we have our good friends today in high school. But, after we graduate we don't keep in touch with each other. We will always remember them though. It was significant whether you were with someone you love or your close friends," said senior Tera Braddam.

Prince Mike Hernandez and Princess Tricia Roye smile at the camera moments after being crowned as the winners. Ballots were filled out as couples entered the dance.



Have a good time. Mr. Carstensen wishes sophomore Tracy Murr a good time as she enters the turnabout dance. He also hands her a program.





I remember this night forever. Senior Ann Cannon dances slowly with her date during the playing of the theme song 'I Remember You' by Skid Row.





Dancing the night away. Senior Kristen Reyome and junior Alicia Raketich dance to the beat at Turnabout. The music was provided by the Music Men.



"...I wanted to be a jockey. I

changed my mind because I

grew to be 5' 7"...said senior

Lisa Grubbs.

Reflecting

Students remember childhood; dreams change as time goes on

What do you want to be when you grow up? That is a question that has been heard thousands of times

during your

school years. But, it is now the time for a definite choice. When we were vounger.

any answer

would have satisfied someone. Many answers we may have given would have been realistic. Firemen. teachers, doctors, or policemen all could have been future careers. Now graduation approaches for all of us, future plans are given a great deal of thought, Childhood dreams either become reality or stay dreams.

Many already know what career or field of work we would like to do. But, for many of us childhood dreams are much different than the dreams of eight or ten

Height, wearing glasses, or weight are all problems that may keep you from your childhood dreams.

"When I was young, I wanted to be a jockey. I changed my mind because I grew to be 5'7" and that's a little tall for a jockey," said senior Lisa Grubbs.

Some career choices were changed because of the job itself. "I wanted more than anything to be a vet. When I found out what a vet does like putting animals to sleep I immediately changed my mind," said senior Tera Braddam.

"I wanted to be a teacher when I was young. I changed my mind because I am too impatient to teach anyone. I'd rather help kids with their personal problems. There are too many kids being abused mentally and physically," said senior Gina Ortiz.

Others changed career

choices because they grew up and their interests changed. "When I was about five I wanted to be an astronaut. I used to play space camp with the other kids on the street because we were going to be the first kids on Mars." said senior Katrina Gasper.

Making the right career choice is one of the most important decisions a person makes. "Job satisfaction is the most important part of picking the right career. You can make all the money in the world but. you can't buy happiness. You can always learn to live on less," said Career Prep teacher Mr. Dick Reyome.

Most have their lives planned out, but sometimes it turns out

This color is perfect. Senior Brian Messmer paints on the wall in the art room. This wall gives students a chance to let their creative juices flow



Boy, this sure is hot! Junior Mark Argentine welds at Hammond Career Center. The Career Center allows students to get hands on training





I hope this will be straight. Junior John Washick cuts wood during class. Wood shop gives a chance for students to learn how to work as a carpenter.

Tip tapping away. Senior Darin Anderson uses a computer to help with his homework. Computers will likely be used in a lot of future careers.



Will you help me with this problem? Senior Monica McCabe helps one of her students. Cadet teaching is one way to learn what is involved





DIETING

Today's looks keep up with

the trends of the nineties

What is our society's outlook on today's man and woman? It's thinness. Many people go out of their way to become and

stav thin.

Senior

the reason

always see

Barbee Gal

said, "I think

everyone diets

is because they

The reason why I diet is so that I can feel better about myself when I'm walking around in a bathing

suit."

sophomore Dedra Rutherford proper proportions to lose weight. I also exercise to get that goal. Playing the drums is a great way to get my exercise in.'

To look better is not the only reason why some set out to lose weight. Senior Dan Dewar said, "I lost weight for swimming. because I wanted to be able to swim faster and be more competitive.'

someone who looks really In order to lose weight, there must be a method. Gal said, "I used to do crazy stuff to lose weight. I tried vomiting. taking pills to vomit, and not eat at all."

"I don't eat all day, maybe candy or a drink," continued Rutherford, "then I eat a little at night and on weekends, I eat more." More reasonable

methods are explained by Dewar, "I tried to stay away from junk food and carbonated beverages." Junior Anne Barenie agreed, "I don't eat in between meals and

I exercise.'

Exercising helps bring the weight down. So. how does everyone do it? Rutherford said. "I walk wherever I'm going or I dance around as I'm doing something."

"I like to jog at night. It makes me think that I'm actually toning up my muscles. I try to jog every night," explained

Dewar said, "I swim. play basketball, and other sports. I also work out at Mansard's Fitness Center about five days a week.'

Dieting makes, or usually makes a person feel like their system is clean and that makes a lot of people feel good," said Gal.

Remember, too much of a good thing can cause problems, and both can have very dangerous side effects. Anyone who chooses to exercise is making a conscious effort to be a healthier person.

thin and they want to transform themselves into that person. Society has put into women's minds the perfect person. That perfect person is called a model.' "The reason why I diet

is so that I can feel better about myself when I'm walking around in a bathing suit," explained sophomore Dedra Rutherford.

The idea of being visibly presentable is not only for the girls. Guys have their share too. Senior Aron Schuhrke said, "I eat only nutritious foods in



Up we go! Senior Brian Weyhe works out to get rid of those extra calories

Senior Michelle Tucker eats some chips which helps her get through the day.







Hmmm, which diet sounds the best? Sophomore Gabrielle Juhasz checks out the latest diets. Diets are used when trying to lose weight.

Senior Mary Tingley chooses some grapes to satisfy her hunger. This is a nutritious way to diet.



Dancing

dining and dates equal a perfectly pleasurable Prom

Plans were being made, dates were being asked, dresses were being bought, and tuxedos were being rented. All of these

things together could only mean one thing, Prom was soon approaching.

class was in

to get ready for Prom this year. I just switched dresses with my best friend. Senior Carey Rockhill

The junior

It was really easy for me

charge of the arrangements. They chose the song "When I'm With You" by Sherriff. The colors were pink, pearl, and turquoise. Almost Paradise was chosen as the theme. The dance was held on May 12 at the Saint Constantine

and Helen Hall.

Prom may be considered by some to be one of the major highlights during high school. Finding a date may be the hardest part for the guy. "It is really important to go with someone you can get along with and can talk

to. You also have to take someone that you know you will have a good time with," said senior Richie Salcedo.

Although some started making plans early, some waited until the last minute. This can sometimes cause a lot of confusion. "I waited until the last minute to ask someone to go. I didn't have a lot of problems getting ready but my date did," said junior

Jason Revome.

The biggest chore for the girl is shopping for a dress. Many search for weeks for the perfect style and color. "When I was searching for a Turnabout dress I found dress I really liked. I knew that even in the spring I wouldn't be able to find a better dress for the price my mom wanted to spend, so I got it," said junior Dana Anderson.

But shopping was not always necessary. Borrowing dresses was also an good choice. "It was really easy for me to get ready for Prom this year. I just switched dresses with my best friend. All I had to worry about was my accessories," said senior Carey Rockhill.

After much anticipation, the court was finally announced. The court consisted of juniors Kelli Ford, Tina Kilgore, Lisa Osmulski, Alicia Raketich, Laura Shoulders, Jeff Harder, Mitch Maciszak, Mike Pacurar, Bill Polites, and Doux Snyder.

After a lot of waiting, From night finally arrived. Even though it rained most of the day, it didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm. At the dance, seniors Kylee McLellan and Ryan Davis announced the new king and queen, Jeff Harder and Laura

King Jeff Harder and Queen Laura Shoulders pose moments after being crowned.



Court: Bill Polites, Alicia Raketich, Mitch Macizak, Tina Kilgore, Jeff Harder, Laura Shoulders, Doug Snyder, Kelli Ford, Mike Pacurar, Lisa





This is Almost Paradise. Senior Mary Tingley and her date enjoy slow dancing to the theme song.

Dancing Machines. One of the big events of Prom is dancing the night away with your friends and dates.



I can't believe you just said that. Senior Mike Steele and his date sophomore Denise DeBoer enjoy conversation and the food at Prom.



Some like it hot

HOT SPOTS

Hot, happening and exciting

places where you hang out

School's out for the weekend and you have 65 hours of total freedom. Most of this time is spent sleeping, but what do you do with

"I like to hang out at The Rink. It's a really cool place where my friends and I play in my band."

junior Jim Borders

by you do with the rest of your time? All of us have our "hot spots", those

special, cool and exciting places we go when the weekend

"I like to hang out at

The Rink. It's a really cool place where my friends and I play in our band," said junior Jim Borders.

Why do we hang out at these certain places? Generally, one thinks of McDonalds before White Castle when trying to find something to do after a basketball or football game.

In grade school most of us had the mall; it was where 'everybody' was. Now hanging out has a lot more faces than just going to the mall. Now there are parties that seem to have a lot more appeal than any mall. We get to do bigger and better things; we get to stay out a lot longer. These things mean that what we do is a lot different too.

With so many different interests, not everyone goes to the same hangouts, but dancing has always been a popular and common pastime. Where people go is what is different.

"Off the Alley is a new wave dance club that I like going to. "I go to see a new look and to hear the excellent music they play," said junior Barb Belush. Casanovas is another dance place where people hang out. During football and basketball season school dances are. Sometimes people really don't have a certain place they want to hang out. They cruise Broadway looking for some excitement, or they just stay in town and

look for some

"To me, Griffith really doesn't have any hang outs, you just do whatever is going on. I just like to be with my friends," said junior Cathy Kleimola.

Of course, everyone knows that the most common 'hot spot' at Griffith is The Ledge. Before school, there are many people sitting and socializing, just waiting for the five minute bell and the start of another day. Lunch time welcomes people to the ledge for the second time of the day.

As the seasons change, so do the hang outs. When winter rolls around, the slopes are a definite place to be. Sledding is popular and skiing is a have to activity.

It all depends; we all have our hot spots.

This is much better than the cafeteria's lunches. Seniors Joe Sainato, Chris Foss, and Mark Osmulski enjoy lunch at the local Mc Donald's.



Yeah!! What a great dunk. Fans cheer as they watch Griffith win another one. Basketball games are a popular hang out during the year.





Slip sliding away! Junior Dave Comer enjoys the cold weather and snow as he sleds down a hill. Sledding was a popular way to beat the cold.

Let's get busy. The student body enjoys the beat at one of the post game dances. The dances were a popular way to enjoy a victory.



Junior Jim Borders, Junior Jeff Fergueson, and Junior Josh Pratt spend a lot of time at The Rink. Here they play in their band, Insanity every weekend.





Seniors '90

first class of the new decade bids Griffith High good-bye

and had to be signed by

It's been a long hard road Preschool kindergarten, being the last seventh grade class

at the elementary

to the high

finally graduation, all

The class of '90 is not

only the first class of the

new decade, but is also

on a Wednesday night.

"I think graduating at

senior Jeff Burks.

night is cool. You can go

out and party right after you graduate," said

But some things have

the things the class of

1990 have experienced.

senioritis and

"You know that you won't be able to see a lot of the people again, the only people you really stay in touch with are your close friends."

senior Wendy Mares

the graduating senior and their parent. Proper dress is also required and before the entrance of the class the administration to make schools, junior high, moving

sure everyone is dressed properly. "We shouldn't be required to dress up, especially if it's hot. We are going to get all hot and sweaty. We should be able to wear regular school clothes to

graduation," said senior Reginia Haag. Although there are

many rules and the first class to graduate regulations to follow, graduation is always a special time, but it can be a scary and even sad time. "I am scared to graduate. But it will also be kind of sad. You know that you won't be able to see a lot of the people again, the only people you really stay in touch with are your close friends," said senior Wendy Mares.

"I think the best part of the ceremony itself is going to be walking in

and out together as a class. And knowing it will be the last time our class will be together," said senior Michelle

"The best part for me is that my mom is coming from California and I have not seen her in nine months," said senior Todd Larson. Graduation means different things to different people. For some it means leaving school and never having to do homework again. Others may see it as a start of more homework in college or technical school. For some it may mean a steady job or even getting married and starting a family. But for everyone in the class of 1990 it means the end of high school lifestyle.

Practice makes perfect. Senior Steve Trivunovic and Mr. Les Thronton practice the ceremony. Practicing helped make Wednesday go smoothly.





This is it! The class of '90 walks in to start the ceremony, together for the last time.





Valedictorian Matt Lake gives parting words to fellow members of his class. Matt has the highest GPA of the 203 seniors.

Moments after receiving their diplomas, the class of '90 rises to hear the words of Father Zollinger of St. Mary's church.



Finally, I am out of here. Seniors Barbee Gal and Tim Galambos celebrate after receiving their diplomas.



FRIENDSHIP

through the laughter and tears, best friends stick together

As the old saving goes, friend are forever. For many students here at G.H.S., that saving is very true.

" A best friend is someone there for us you can tell anything to ... You when we laugh know they will always be by your side."

iunior Carla Kitzmiller

Friends are and cry. After all that is what friends are for.

Many people have had their friends for almost their entire

'My best friend, Jenny, and I have been friend for almost thirteen vears. We met while we were playing outside in my yard and have been friends ever since," said senior Jody Reitz.

Having a best friend has many advantages. One advantage is always having someone to talk to. Another is having someone to go out with every weekend.

"Having someone to go out with is one of the better parts of having a best friend. But always

having someone to talk to or gossip with is the best part," said sophomore Angela Skaggs.

Trust is an important part of any friendship. Being able to tell them anything and knowing whatever is said will not be repeated.

"A best friend is someone vou can tell anything to for example, your problems. You know they will always be by your side. And you know no matter what you tell them, they will never change their opinion of you," said junior Carla Kitzmiller.

Having a best friend doesn't always mean you are close to just one person It can sometimes mean a group of friends. Groups of friends are because of a wider variety of opinions and

"I do not just have one best friend, I have three. I think it is better

because you get different opinions if you have a problem. You also know you always have someone there for you to listen.' said senior Regina Haag.

Friends came become enemies because of a fight or

misunderstanding. Friendships that have lasted years could end in a matter of minutes. Sometimes feelings are

hurt.

"My best friend and I got into a fight over a stupid misunderstanding It was really hard because all of our other friends were the same. So it put them in the middle. Another thing that made it hard was that it really hurt my feelings," said junior Pam Stanford Friendships often heel.

Can I see your notes on pages 25-30? Seniors Tina Patrick and Ann Cannon talk over class notes so they can do well



Seniors Carey Rockhill, Monica Lisa Grubbs gossip at lunch.





Boy I'm glad you did your homework. Juniors Jenny Seberger and Jen Bishop talk about a homework assignment. Friends often help out with homework.





Hey, did you hear the latest? Seniors Gina Ortiz and Kathy Lach talk about the latest gossip while they walk to class.



Too hot to handle

Undefeated seasons, broken records and exciting playoffs meant lots of action for teams and fans in Sports.

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. That is a phrase that is very familiar to any person who is involved in a sport. Every athlete who has competed against others can relate to this saying. Besides getting in shape, meeting new people, learning to work with others, and numerous other advantages one can gain by becoming involved in sports, most agree that there is no feeling greater than the exhilarating feeling of victory. On the other hand, the agony of defeat sometimes lasts for what seems like a lifetime.

By becoming involved in a sport, athletes take a big risk. Often, the countless number of hours pay off and an athlete is rewarded by a victory or by a winning season. This will motivate them and usually practicing doesn't seem so bad. On the other hand, no matter how hard they try, sometimes defeat is inevitable. This is where most of the dedication and determination comes in. When a team is in a slump or an individual member of a team is injured, continuing practice after practice is very difficult. An athlete must be extremely dedicated to keep themself

Basketball, softball, soccer, track, volleyball and every other sport seem to be fun and exciting things to watch but most people don't understand just how much work and time is put in by the athletes to make it look so easy. A lot of grueling hours in the gym, practice after practice, and total dedication are put in by

the players. Behind every slam dunk, homerun, hole in one and every other spectacular move made are many hours of practice.

Besides the great effort by the athletes, the coaches that build these teams up are also extremely important in creating a unit of people that can work creating a unit of people that can work together as a successful team. A team's coaching staff must be leaders and teachers as well. Coaches can't simply show up on game days and cheer their team on. Behind the scenes, these people work with their players every day and put in many extra hours out of practice preparing and reviewing game plans, making starting line ups and a lot of other jobs important in making any team a successful one.

As every athlete knows, all sports seasons have their good as well as their bad times. Often times a team has trouble working together or getting along with other members. Injuries and illness also affect a season. Although some problems athletes face can be helped, there are others that are inevitable. While there are major excitements there are also big disappointments, that is what makes sports such a challenge. Here at Griffith High School, our teams rise to the occasion. No matter where the Panthers go, they are always ready for a fight and this determination by everyone at G.H.S. is what makes every game, match, and meet that we get involved in so hot and gold!



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Sports

Up and in! Senior Jeff Burks goes up for the slam. This kind of move takes a lot of skill and therefore takes much time and practice.



B-B-Bad to the Bone. Spreading beyond the doors of GHS and affecting the whole town, the football team's motto turned into a craze. A demand for Bad to the Bone novelties such as keychains, towels, and sweatshirts skyrock-

Coach Les Thornton came up with the motto when he ordered shirts before the season: he had no idea that it would become so popular. Thornton also adopted the "black bone" as the team's good luck charm. While the wishbone is a symbol of the team's offense. the black bone symbolizes the team's defense. The bone was painted black, as opposed to white or gold, because black represents "bad."

After shutting out Horace Mann, Lowell and Munster in the

SENIOR Greg Row plunges through the Trojan line breaking tackles. Griffith crushed Highland to capture the Lake Suburban Conference Crown.

anthers win conference; undefeated until playoffs



thought that Crown Point, LakeCentral, Highland and Munster would all finish ahead of us. To beat all four of them in one year is really something," Coach Les Thornton

first three games of the season, it was clear that we were going to have a winning record. Senior Ryan Stanizeski said," It (Munster) was the deciding game because everyone thought that we weren't very good. That game started our rampage!"

The undefeated Panthers soon became the team to beat in the conference. Crown Point coach Brad Smith told the Post Tribune, "They play well defensively and you also have to respect their offense because they can put some points on the board. They execute so

well; they don't make mistakes...it's just a well-rounded team."

The week of the Crown Point game, Thornton felt that C.P. would be our toughest opponent; at the end of the season, Thornton still felt that victory was the most difficult to achieve.

We finished the regular season with two more shut outs—Calumet and Kankakee Valley. Although these victories were important, the players were more excited about having conquered Lake Central and Highland. The L.C. game was special because last

year they beat us for our only conference loss. For Raketich this was one instance when 'revenge' was sweet. Griffith captured the Lake Suburban Conference Crown when they clobbered Highland, 57-8, in the Homecoming game. This blow -out was a personal highlight for senior Steve Spitz.

Thornton said, "I thought that Crown Point, Lake Central, Highland and Munster would all finish ahead of us. To beat all four of them in one year is really something." This is only the second time that Griffith has beaten all four





RYAN Stanizeski gets undercut by a Lowell defender in the season opener. The Panthers clobbered the Red Devils in the first of three consecutive shut outs.

STEVE Trivunivic tries to bull down the ball carrier. Griffith's aggressive "bad" bone defense kept the Lowell Red Devils from putting any points on the board.





TIME OUT! Seniors Jeff Burks and and Mike Raketich take a break after Raketich returns the punt for a touchdown. The final score was 57-8.

Seniors Mike Raketich, Frank Sainato, Joe Sainato. junior Bill Polites, and sophomore Jerry Murdock show the agony of defeat. The Bishop Noll loss marked an end to the Bad to the Bone rampage.

Football S cores

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OPPONENT Horace Mann 0 Lowell 0 Munster 0 Crown Point 12 Calumet 0 Lake Central 10 Highland 8 Kankakee Valley 0

PLAYOFFS 36

New Prairie 7 Twin Lakes 7 Bishop Noll 25





Quarterback Ryan Staniszeski hands the ball off to fullback Greg Row. After defeating the Panthers, Bishop Noll went on to win the state championship.







t gave us a lot of encouragement to know that our fans were behind us 100 percent. They were out in big numbers for every game that we played,"

senior Steve Spitz



Griffith defeated New Prairie in the first round of sectionals. The Panthers had a flat first half, but in the second half they outscored the Cougars 22-0; the final score was 36-7. In round two. Griffith traveled to Monticello to take on Twin Lakes. Starting off slowly. the Panthers gained enough momentum to defeat the Indians 26-7. "Our defense had been doing it all year," said Thornton in the Hammond Times. "And our defense made a lot of big plays in this game.

In the third sectional game, the 10-0 Panthers faced their biggest challenge - the Bishop Noll Warriors. "I'm glad we're playing them because they're a very good team," said Spitz. "It will be a tough challenge for us."

"They're just like every other team we've played so far. I'm just going to play like I have in the other games," said Sophomore Tim

Garvey. The teammates were in agreement that the key to victory and the sectional crown would be a solid defense and putting pressure on Noll's quarterback, Jason Miskus, Though the Panthers knew what they needed to do in order to win. they just couldn't pull ahead of the Warriors: the final score was 18-25. "Overall, I think we had a wonderful season," said Coach Thornton in the Panther Press. We had a great crowd at Noll and everything was going well. Unless you're the state champions, a defeat must occur. In spite of this loss, we probably had the second best football season in Griffith's history.

Although the players have attributed the many victories to their team speed, their running attack, their special teams, and their defense, they all agree that their greatest asset was their ability to act as a team. After the Munster victory. Thornton said, "The players seem to relate to each other well.
There is really no star so far. That's good; the team doesn't have to depend on any two guys." Spitz credited this closeness to a "great team concent."

"We're all good friends-buddies, especially the seniors," said Staniszeski.

Some players felt that the crowd also contributed to the game. "It gave us a lot of spirit and encouragement to know our fans were behind us 100%. They were out in big numbers for every game that we played," said Spitz.

Coach Thornton summed up the season by saying, "This season has been extraordinary. In 1981, people expected us to be undefeated, but being undefeated this year was totally unexpected!"



First row: Tracy Murphy, Steve Spitz, Mike Mauch, Jason Reyome, Chris Anderson (Ball Boy), Mike Hipp, John Bogner, Rick Jerome, Lisa Fonseca. Second row: Laurie Rodriquez, Steve McDermott, Daryl Lopez, Joe Reitz, Mike Hernandez, Jason Anderson, Frank Sainato, Joe Sainato, Karen Hoffman. Third row: Jenny Kerr, Ryan Stanizeski, Greg Row, Dan Schuman, Matt Marcus, Gene Jordan, Jack Massa, Jim Gorden, Kevin Harder, Marcie Dresbaugh. Fourth row: Bill Polites, Mike Raketich, Tim Garvey, Eric Schreiber, Jerry Murdock, Mike Moore, Todd Leslie, Scott Schaller, Scott Leslie. Fifth row: Jim Crosek, Rick Burks, Nick Vittorio, Nick Mathews, Jeff Burks, Neil Miklusak, Mike Patterson, Carl Grin, Alex Djukic, Mike Serratore Sixth row: Rod Brown, Ryan Keen, Clint Lamb, Todd Hoot, Mike Worosz, Jim Bogner, John Verbich, Mike Bell, Dave Comer. Seventh row: Russ Dewes, Mitch Maciszak, Don Wasserman, Ed Sanner, Scott Sutton, Keith Harwood, Andy Wroblewski, Don Higgins, Steve Trivunivic, Jay Hackworth.



ady Panthers finish with .500 record

Volleyball is a game consisting of spiking, bumping, setting and serving. Therefore, it is a sport in which teamwork is essential. Learning how to play as a team takes long practicing and sacrificing a lot of time in the summer.

"It was hard to take time out for practices but I knew I had to do it to become a better player," said junior Jenny Seculla.

Every team consists of both strong and weak points. A weak point that affected the team most was that they didn't play together.

"We could have done better if we had played together more as a team rather than individuals," said sophomore Tricia Roye.

Strong points can also be helpful during the season. Coach Don Whittemore stated, "Defense, and our ability to pass well



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sophomore Tricia Roye

were two strong points of the team."

"Jennifer Bednar's ability to set the ball well really helped us a lot." said senior Michelle Castillo. The rest of the team agreed by voting her best setter along with best mental attitude.

Injuries also played a big role in the outcome of the season. They forced players to play in positions that they were not used to.

"I felt out of place having to play the front row because I had never played there before. I also felt like I was not playing well because I was not experienced in that position," said

sophomore Kim Fulkerson.

During the season there are those games that everyone looks forward to and Highland was one of those games. Castillo adds, "Even though we lost to Highland, it was one of those games that everyone was pumped up for. We all were out for one thing and that

The Panthers hosted Lake Central in the first game of sectionals. The first two were split, leading them to a third. In the last match, the Panthers were up 12-9 but slipped behind and lost it with a

was to win."

score of 15-12.

"Our team goals were to win sectionals, conference and have a winning record," said Whittemore.

Despite not winning their conference or sectional, they ended the season with a .500 record.

TOWERING over the net senior Michelle Castillo spikes the ball forcefully toward her Lowell opponents Lori Replin,

RISING to the occasion Senior Jayme Davis tries to make a hard spike over the net for a kill.



SENIOR Tricia McGuire runs to Senior Jayme Davis's rescue as she falls to the floor while diving for the ball.







Back row: Tricia Roye, Jayme Davis, Tricia McGuire, Jennifer Seculla, Amy Strack, Coach Don Whittemore. Front row: Tricia Butler, Michelle Castillo, Christine Roye, Jennifer Bednar, Kim Fulkerson.

Volleyball Scores

Andrean - W Clark - L Hobart - L Whiting - L Lake Station - W Gavit - W Gavit - W Morton - L Andrean - W Calumet - W

EC Central - W Roosevelt - W Hammond - W Merrillville - L Munster - L West Side - W Highland - L Crown Point - L Lake Central - L Lake Central - L





SENIOR Tricia Meguire, Jen Bednar, and Michelle Castillo with Junior Jenny Seculla wait patiently for the return of the



CAUGHT on a slant, Junior Chris Swatts is waiting to anxiously to return the ball to the opposing player. Concentrating on that aim is important.

Boys Tennis S cores

GHS 5

OPPONENT Clark 2 Morton 2 Munster 5 Crown Point 4 Calumet 1 Hammond 2 Highland 3 Lake Station 4 Lowell 4 EC Central 2 River Forest 1 West Side 0 Lake Central 4 Gary Wirt 3



BACK row: Tim Maluga, Jan Lepisto, Chris Swatts, Andy Lane, Brian Weyhe, FRONT row: Matt Galocy, Gregg Rocheford, Brian Jamison, Matthew Rubacca.





espite inexperience team finishes season 7-7



One factor that contributed to a poor tennis season was that they lost most of last year's team members who were replaced by new, less experienced players. Junior Andy Lane said, "Giving the new members some training for the next season was the main goal."

The feeling of team members before the season was mutual. Junior Chris Swatts said, "We knew we were not experienced and had along way to go, we were just looking to get some training and have a good time." Plaving

JUNIOR Andy Lane concentrates on his forehand to return the volley. Concentrating in this sport is an important factor to the players matches.



t was a good season. We had a few disappointments, but it was a learning year for all of us."

junior Chris Swatts

for fun and experience seemed to be what most of the team was aiming for.

Losing big was not the case, every game that was lost was pretty close. Although expected to win, the team came up short of Sectionals in Highland. "We put in close matches which was good," said Swatts. Getting new members on the team season. When asked about the problem Maluga said, "Yes, it hurt a lot because of the lack of skills. We lost some we should have won." There

were achievements shown as said by Brian Jamison, "A couple of kids came out late and improved a lot which was showing progress." Senior, Brian Weyhe was one of the players that did well this season, he was awarded as MVP at the Awards Banouet.

the Awards Banquet. Sometimes the condition of the players is a factor, but not this team. Maluga said, "The condition of the team members was not a factor, everyone was in shape at the beginning and just stayed that way."

Although the team was young everyone worked together. Maluga said, "We are HOPING he makes the hit, Junior Brian Jamison anticipates the ball. Practic matches are very important to players and makes for a good team.

very close knit. everybody helps keep spirits up with each other no matter what the score." Working together is the way Swatts said, "We just try to help each other by calling, practicing at night and just talking to each other when we need it.' That's what team work is, for them to get the score together. 'The team plans on

working really hard this up coming winter, spring and summer, so next season they will be good," said Swatts. "The team was hard workers, not enough skills but next year looks good," said Brian Jamison.





irls swim team struggles because of small size

The size of the girls swim team is greater this year than past years, and the girls welcome the increase in members.

Support is another factor which keeps the team from reaching their potential. Sophomore Tracy Sines said, "We need more fan support and we also need more team members like most of the sports at GHS."

Sophomore Jennifer King compared this season to last season. She said, "The difference was the amount of people was bigger and the times were better."

Head coach Wayne Govert set a few goals for the girls to strive for this season. He wanted them to win at least five meets, improve their times from last year and break a few freshmen/sophomore records.

The team ended up

CONCENTRATING til the last moment, sophomore Rebecca Wisinski races with swift movements to get the time that beats the school record.



feel mentally we needed more emphasis that you had to push yourself even if it hurt. If you want to win, you have to push yourself,"

sophomore Tracy Sines

with a 6-9 record. They also had three broken records this season-the 100 vard backstroke, freshman/ sophomore 400 vard freestyle, and the freshman/sophomore 200 yard medley relay "Last year I was one point away from qualifying for sectionals and I made it a point to qualify this year. In sectionals I made ninth place and in conference. I made twelfth place," said senior Regina Haag.

"I was real excited when I took first place in the Lowell invitational meet," said Haag. "I also received a medal for diving in this meet."

Team members will remember this season for different reasons. Sophomore Rebecca Wisinski said, "I'll never forget it (this season), because I set the (school) record in the 100 yard backstroke and the 200 yard medley relay."

There are different ways to train in a sport. King said, "I think that in training, it needs to be a gradual build-up and then harder practice every day all year round. That's what the big schools are doing and the times prove it."

Injuries always play

a role in any sport, but the worst happened to this team. Nine out of thirteen girls were not able to participate in one meet because of their injuries.

This season three girls stood out from the rest: McDermott, best mental attitude; King, most valuable swimmer; and Gina Steapleton, most improved swimmer.

SOPHOMORE Katie McDemott is being congratulated on a job well done after racing the opposing team to get those extra points for Griffith's score.







Front row; Gina Steapleton, Rhonda Meyers, Tracy Sines, middle row; Reginia Haag, Raquel Lopez, Katic McDermott, Kristic Gregor, Doug Gillespie, back row; Gretchen Gasper, Jennifer Osborne, Lorraine Barenie, Jennifer King, Rebecca Wisinski, Coach Wayne Govert.

Swimming S cores

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OPPONENT
Lake Central 126
highland 99
Kankakee Valley 93
Hammond High 72
Lowell 102
North Newton 63
Munster 50
Calumet 3
Crown Point 131
EC Central 59





Back row: Coach Ron Divjak, John Korba, Doug Gillspie, Matt Dillion, Assistant Joe Lopez Front row: Adam Schroader, Bruce Stone, Russel Fliter, Don Hill

Cross Country Scores

Gavit Invitational	8th
Rebel Invitational	18th
Lowell	2nd
Bishop Noll, Calumet	4th
Hobart	18th
Munster, Lake Central	3rd
Highland	16th
Merrillville	2nd
Roosevelt, Andrean	3rd
Lake Suburban Conference	tied 9th
Sectional	10th



Sophomore Russel Fliter runs around Griffith during cross country practice. Practice is very important to be able to compete with the other schools.







oys pull through a hard season with a young team

Most teams usually have some kind of leadership returning from the previous year; however, that was a major problem for this years guys

cross country team. Coach Ron Diviak said, "Leadership is coming to practice day in and day out. This is not a sport where someone is always watching over you. You have to know how to set a schedule for yourself and others. I feel we had no experience in this

Even though there was a lack of leadership this year, positive mental attitudes followed by hard work and commitment made the team strive for

Junior Don Hill comments "I feel that

Junior Don Hill and sophomore Matt Dillion race toward the school for fun during practice. Hill was the only junior on this years



feel that even though we knew we couldn't be the best, we all had good attitudes and worked hard every

iunior Don Hill

even though we knew we couldn't be the best, we all had good attitudes and tried hard every day.

Unfortunately good attitudes and hard work are only a benefit in certain areas. When it comes time for the meets your ability to perform is a major factor in the outcome of the race.

Setting personal goals forces each individual to accomplish something during the season. "My goal was to beat my previous time from the year before," said

Fliter said, "My personal goal this season was to finish a race in less than twenty minutes.

During the Highland Invitational my goal was accomplished.

"A personel goal I set this year was to break eighteen minutes and I missed it by three seconds." said sophomore Matt

Along with personal goals, team goals are also set. The one goal set by the team this vear was to beat Lowell.

Coach Diviak comments, "Even though we lost to Lowell during the season by forty points, we managed to come back to tie them in the sectional."

During the season there may be meets that individuals look forward to.

"Highland was a meet that I was anxious for because I knew it would be the most challenging.

Dillion added, "I looked forward to the conference meet because I felt we could accomplish our team goal of beating Lowell.'

To make sure there are no pulled muscles, sophomore Adam Schroader stretches before practice. This is





Sophomore Matt Dillion takes a hard run during his goals he set for himself. It takes hard practices to



mall team and big effort; season proves rewarding

A small turnout, injuries, and illnesses combined, made for a tough Girl's Cross Country season this year. While the team started out with quite a few members, when it came down to it, many quit for one reason or another and the actual team was yery small.

Size was only a small part of the problem. Many of the athletes started the season with injuries and others hurt themselves during the season.

Despite the problems that the team experianced, they did set some goals that they wished to reach. Sophomore Adrienne Bogieski explains, "Some goals for the team would be to be more of a team, to work harder, and not to complain."

Sophomore Gabrielle Juhaz also set some personal goals for herself. She explained, "My

On your mark, get set, go! Seniors Mary Tingley and Dawn Redmon wait anxiously at the starting line. Anticipation before running is often as challenging as the run.



ou just have to realize that you have to work at it. Try your hardest and do your best." senior Dawn Redmon

personal goals were just to do what I could do and push myself."

While a lot of hard work and dedication obviously must go into training, a positive mental attitude is also essential to be a successful runner. Senior Mary Tingley said. "I think one of the highlights was when everyone got their personal best and were encouraged to try even harder. We all had good attitudes and this really helped.

Dedication and teamwork are also very important. With every athlete working soley for themselves, a team cannot be successful. Tingley explains her feelings on the way the girls Cross Country team worked together this season. "I think one of the low points was in the beginning of the season for a little while because I thought we weren't going to have a team because no one seemed devoted. Later on it got better."

Anyone who has ever been a part of any type of team knows that there are ups and downs in every season. The Cross Country team knows that there are ups and downs in every season. The Cross Country team knows that there are ups and downs in every season. The Cross Country team

had both. "One of the low points was all of the people that got hurt this year." explained Bogieski. Juhaz stated, "Over all the season was pretty good. Our season wasn't that great but the people on the team made it fun."

For most on the team, it is not too early to look forward to next year and think about what they hope to achieve next season.

Keeping her stride. Senior Julie Lator concentrates on her stride as she races through the field during a meet. Concentration is very important in a race.







Sophomores Gabrielle Juhaz and Adrienne Bogieski stretch out before a cross country meet. Stretching is essential before running especially in the cold.



Back row: Jenny Seberger, Dawn Redmon, Terry Letts, Gabrielle Juhaz, and coach Sherry Volkman. Front row: Julie Lator, Adrienne Bogieski, Mary Tingley.



Running

Shorts

Bye, Bye Bears Mean McMahon merely movin' on



BEAR DOWN CHICAGO BEARS!! Every year during football season; fans pack into Soldier Field in Chicago to watch McMahon. their favorite players. Bear Mania has been sweeping through the area since '85 instance, he led when they won the Super Bowl. However, this year athletic abilities not many McMahon jersies and sun alasses have been seen After being first string for five vears, he was traded at the beginning of the

'89 season to the San Diego Chargers. The trade came as a surprise to those loval fans of

While McMahon was playing on the Bears he was of some help. For them to the Super Bowl with his and leadership. There was also that memorable moment when he was on the side line and came into the game with only two minutes left. He

Jim McMahon leaving the bears may not be upsetting to some people but, that McMahon spirit still exist in Griffith High.

threw two consecutive touchdowns to win the game. However, these qualities were not enough for the

There are a couple of reasons why the trade may have occured. First of all, McMahon had been on the Injured reserve list. While he was hurt, other people came along and replaced him.



Junior Chris Regis passes the time in class by looking at his baseball card collection. Even though some players may disappoint their fans they still like to remember them by keeping their cards

From a legend of baseball to a criminal of the same sport. What happened and why? Those are the two questions going through peoples minds about Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose. While being a great player in his own time, he became one of the best

hitters in baseball history. However, unfortunately for Rose, his managing career Reds' has not been so successful. His road to destruction Rose

Receives

started early in the season when baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth started Reprimand a full investigation on the allegations of Rose's illegal betting of baseball. At this

point another question is asked. What led up to the investigations and who, if anyone, squealed? Well, it was a game of too many people involved and too many secrets which aroused some people's curiosity. Most of the information leading to the investigation was from Ron Peters who was known as Roses "principle bookmaker."

Rose allegedly made his bets through friends. For instance, Paul Janszer, a bodybuilder friend, was heard many times placing bets out of Gold's Gym in Cincinnati on Roses behalf

After months of investigation and trial the decision was finally made. The decision that would decide whether the baseball star that everyone had known for his power hitting would ever be seen under the lights again. Well unfortunately for loyal fans of Rose and for himself, he has been banned from basehall forever.

Barrett, Jovanovich, Osmulski

Hoopsters break records

With the success of this year's basketball team, one would expect that many different records would be set and the team lived up to this expectation.

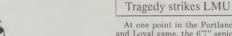
Öne of the three seniors to break records in the school's history was Mark Osmulski. Osmulski became the first player to record a triple double. This came with his ability to rebound, dish out assists and score. He also ended the season with the most rebounds in school history and the best 3

point field goal shooting average.

Another senior who sticks out with his shooting ability is Mike Jovanovich. Jovanovich broke the record of most points scored in a single game. He achieved this by scoring 47 points to break a 1968 record of 45.

Matt Barrett also came out of the season with a record breaker of the most 3 point field goals per game. Senior Matt Barrett dribbles the ball fast down the court so the L.C. opponent can not catch up. Barrett was one of the three seniors to beat a school records this year.





At one point in the Portland and Loyal game, the 6'7" senior Hank Gathers was playing up to his potential and seconds later was lying on the floor while his body jerked with spasms. About an hour after his spectacular dunk he was pronounced dead at the Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital in Marine del Ray.

Gathers had been diagnosed as having an abnormal heartbeat after he fainted on the court during a game against U.S. Santa Barbara on December 9. Vernon Hattori. the cardiologist that was treating Gathers, placed him on an antiarrhymic drug and allowed him to return to the court. However, Gathers did not like the medicine because he thought it slowed him down and effected his play so he persuaded Hattori to reduce the dosage. This could have led to that fatal moment at Gersten Pavilion

Who knows what would have become of Gathers but he was to be a first round draft pick in the NBA.



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Back row: Jason White, Doug Gillispie, Keith Harwood, Ken Charleston, Dan Dewar. Front row: manager Reginia Steapleton, Troy Brodie, Brian Dominguez, Jim Gorden, Brian Pelletiier, manager Gretchen Gasper, coach Wayne Govert.

Swimming S cores

Munster - L Rensselaer - L Lew Wallace - W Hobart - L Morton - L Hammond - W Calumet Invite Calumet - W Horace Mann - W Lake Central - L Crown Point -L Kankakee Invite Kankakee Valley -L Gary Roosevelt - W Lake Suburban Con. EC Central - L Highland - L Gavit - L Lowell - L West Side - W





SOPHOMORE Keith Harwood acts excited when he finds out that he was the winner over his opponent in the race.

FRESHMAN Brian Dominnguez races for the finish line in freestyle competition. Unfortunately, he lost the race.









eam remains optimistic despite season's losses

A whistle goes off. the swimmers take their positions, the starting light flashes, bodies fly through the air towards the water While adrenaline pumps through the body, thoughts of what one has to do to accomplish what one wants goes through the mind

"The whole race goes through my mind and what I have to do to win," said senior Ken Charleston.

Like every other sport, goals are set at the start of the season. but on the boys swim team more individual goals were made rather than team

"We didn't have a lot of goals as a team, and the ones we had we didn't reach. We had a small team and

SENIOR Dan Dewar swims fiercely toward the finish line in a meet late in the year. Dan was the captain





think it was a hard season because we had a lot of obstacles to overcome."

senior Dan Dewar

lost a lot of guys to disciplinary problems," said coach Wayne Govert.

"One of my individual goals was to do the one hundred vard fly in less than one minute," said senior team captain Dan Dewar. Dewar's goals were achieved during the GHS-Lake Central meet with a time of 59 seconds. Unfortunately not everyone was able to meet his goals. Sophomore Doug Gillespie said, "Even though I didn't meet my goal to swim the 200 yard freestyle in under two minutes. setting that goal made me work harder every

meet."

During the season, teams are faced with those meets that lift spirits or let them down. "I think we should have beat Hobart, but we had no divers. On the other hand, Calumet was a big victory for us because they gave us a good run," said Govert.

"The Kankakee Invitational helped encourage me because I won two gold medals for the 100 fly and the 200 yard medley," said Dewar.

A strong point during the season was senior leadership. "Our team was made up of a lot of seniors

and they helped us." said sophomore Jim Gordon

Besides small numbers, commitment played a role. "Not enough commitment and at times I didn't have enough to keep me going but I tried," said Charleston.

"I think it was a hard season because we had a lot of obstacles to overcome." said

JASON White takes a breath during the race for the finish Some of the swimmers have to race in







DOUG Gillespie swims in the meet against Gary West Side by competing in the backstroke. He went on to win the race.



Back row: Jeff Harder, Jeff Burks, Mark Osmulski, Mike Jovanovich, Joe Williams, Brian Weyhe, third row: Tom Sippel, Matt Barrett, Mitch Macissak, Garrett Van Horsen, Alex Djukic, second row: Coach Bub Hastings, Coach Jerry Gurrado, Coach Ken Galik, front row: Christine Hochstetler, Karen Hoffman.

Basketball Scores

GHS	OPPONENT	(
77	Morton 59	
66	Highland 75	
84	Lake Station 57	
63	Whiting 56	
43	Bishop Noll 76	
73	Calumet 62	
79	Hanover Cental 66	
64	Crown Point 51	
58	Lake Central 66	
69	Kankakee Valley 59	
76	River Forest 54	

GHS OPPONENT
93 Munster 78
Lowell 67
65 Chesterton 74
58 Calumet 55
74 Wheeler 42
95 Clark 52
58 Hobart 57
70 Gavit 69
38 Marquette 33
66 Lake Station 50
52 Lake Central 68



OKAY, here's what we're going to do! Coach Jerry Gurrado explains the new approach to overcome their opponents during a time out.







H S hoops... from start to finish the team trucks on



he way a group of desperate individuals pulled together and played some of the most exciting ball in the area, we reached our max as a time at times. and that's the ultimate goal of any coach." said Head Coach Jerry Gurrado.

Streaking down the court, the crowd watching in awe, the player fights his way to the basket and shoots for two. That's what a fast break is like. Those usually come when the team acts quickly and the opponents slack off.

Many feel that most of the games were exciting, but some think only particular ones were. Senior Matt Barrett said, "I think the game against Michigan City Marquette was the most exciting, because we blew them out by fifty points.'

"I thought the Kankakee Valley game was the most exciting," said Senior Mike Jovanovich, "because I had four dunks with three of them in the first quarter.

"Munster was

WATCH out, here I come! Junior Alex Djukic runs down the court with speed. Speed and mobility are a very important part of playing basketball

because we beat the two time defending conference champion," Coach Jerry Gurrado.

"Practice makes perfect is an old cliche that comes true to life. "At practice, I did a lot of shooting for three point baskets. I had some trouble hitting it just just right, but the coaches helped me with my form," said Barrett.

"The way a group of desperate individuals pulled together and played some of the most exciting ball in the area, we reached our max as a team at times, and that's the ultimate goal of any coach," said Gurrado.

Jovanovich said. "I've practiced dunking since my sophomore year.

Jovanovich added, "When I dunk in a game, it gives me

more adrenalin, and then when the crowd goes crazy and they're jumping all around, it makes me want to go

crazy too." Freshman Joe Williams said, "Whenever we get a dunk, it raises the enthusiasm of the team and everyone plays better because they're all pumped

In any sport there are always improvements to be made. Gurrado explained, "We lost our entire inside game and our depth on our front line from last vear. We didn't really replace them, instead we adjusted. The guys filling those spots did

Jovanovich said, "I think we played well as a team. We really came together towards

the end." Some people judge a team on their record and others judge the way the team performed at games to determine how their season went. Senior Jeff Burks said. "The way we played or how well we played depended on what team we played or how well we felt, but with a record of 16-6, I would say we played really well.'

The noted players are, scoring; Mike Jovanovich, rebounds; Mark Osmulski, assists; Osmulski, most improved: Jeff Burks. best attitude; Tom Sippel, most valuable player; Osmulski, Mr.

Jovanovich/Osmulski. Mr. Defense: Matt. Barrett/Osmulski. super sub; Garrett Van Horssen.





BACK off, man, I'm shooting! Senior Mark against the Lake Central Indians during the sectional game at Calumet

SLAM Dunk! Senior Mike Jovanovich shows the Lake Central Indians what he is capable of doing



irls basketball team dribble into tough season

In basketball games, every basket and mistake counts, therefore many people may feel nervous or afraid. What is actually going through the minds of players knowing this?

"All I think about is trying my hardest and doing my best," said senior Jayme Dayis.

When it comes to team work, basketball is one sport where it is necessary.

Senior Michelle Castillo said, "If you don't play as a team it makes the whole team look bad."

As the season goes by many things can happen. Teams can build together, fall apart, or not move anywhere.

Junior Pam Stanford stated, "The reason we didn't improve as a team is because there was too much individuality."

Like always, teams set goals at the beginning of the season, but what is the



ur strong point this year was our rebounding. Our inside players did a great job of hitting the boards "

junior Lisa Osmulski

purpose of them?
"I set goals to make
myself accomplish

myself accomplish different things. Also it makes me work harder at them," said junior Amy Strack.

This year both team and individual goals were set.

"My goals for the team were to win half of the conference games and to get past our sectional," said Adelsperger.

"Personal goals of mine were to improve my ball handling and shooting percentage," said senior Christine Roye.

During the season there are always those games that the team looks forward to.

"Highland was a exciting game for us

because for the first time in a few years we knew we had the ability to win," said Castillo.

With every team comes both strong and weak points. "Our strongest point

this year was our rebounding. Our inside players did a great job of hitting the boards," said Osmulski.

"We had a strong defense that helped out a lot this year." said Adelsperger.

Unfortunately weak points play a large role in every season. Stanford added,

"Being inconsistent with our shooting became a problem during the year."

This year in sectional play the Panthers faced East Chicago Central. They went into the game as the underdogs but surprised the Cardinals with a new strong offense.

"Although they were expected to run on us, our new offense forced them to play our kind of game," said Roye.

At the half, the Panthers were only down by one, but the third and fourth quarters were tough and they were defeated

JUNIOR Amy Strack jumps up for two points against a attempted block by an East Chicago Central Cardinal.

SENIOR Christine Roye tries to drive to the basket against her opponent during sectional play at Munster.



DURING a time out coach Adelsperger tries to explain to the team what they will have to do to get back into the ball game.







Back Row: Coach Craig Adelsperger, Jayme Davis, Jennie Seculla, and Pam Stanford. Front row: Christine Roye, Lisa Osmulski, Michelle Castillo, and Jennifer Seberger.

Basketball

cores

Hanover - W Morton - L Lake Station - W Lake Central - L Wheeler - W Hebron - L Munster - L Hammond - L Crown Point - L Chesterton - L Highland - W
Gavit - W
Lowell - W
Clark - W
Whiting - L
MC Marquette - W
Oregon-Davis - L
Calumet - L
Sectional
EC Central - L



JUNIOR Lisa Osmulski puts up a 15 foot shot during the Crown Point game, while opponents attempt to block it.



orking together improves boys team performance

"It's a challenge between you and the other man. If you win, it's because of you, when you lose, it's because of your mistakes," explained junior Chris Rigas about the sport of wrestling.

wrestling.
Junior Eric Messmer
said that ours is one
of the toughest
conferences around.
The challenge is often
welcome. Messmer
said, "When you
wrestle it's one-on-one,
and nobody is there to
help you or your
opponent."

opponent."
The best way to help assure a team win is to pin your opponent. A pin is easier said than done. It is achieved by forcibly holding your challenger's shoulders down on the mat and is worth six very valuable and important points.

To describe a pin junior Dave Comer said, "They (pins) don't only mean six points for the team, but it also means that you are extremely better than your opponent. This prepares you for your next match by firing

you up."
Emotions often
come with pinning
someone. Rigas said,
"It's a good feeling
when you have the
opponent on his back,
but if it's the other
way around, then it
doesn't feel good at
all. It's miserable."

Sophomore Donny Higgins explains, "When I'm getting pinned it makes me want to scream because it's a painful experience." Whether it's for you or against you "... sometimes you just want it to happen so the match will be over," said Messmer.

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A large majority of the wrestlers feel that it's not just a physical confrontation with an opponent, but also a mentally fatiguing conquest of inner strength and motivation. A good "psyche job" will show your enthusiasm and spirit while lowering your opponent's esteem and their will to succeed.

As most wrestlers will tell you, concentration and strength are the keys to conquering your opponent. The lack or lessening of either element will result in a loss of point or even a match.

Senior Ryan Davis said, "I didn't take one match seriously enough and it cost me a seat in sectionals.

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Higgins said "I feel
that wrestling is not a
team sport because
nobody can help you
when you're wrestling
one-on-one."

Ugh! Senior John Bogner struggles to get this match over. Practice plays a very important part before one can ever participate in a meet.

Congratulations are in order for Senior John Bogner. Winning a match is a very exhausting and requires strength and determination.



Okay, let's get this thing started! Junior Eric Messmer anticipates his opponents every move. Practice all week prepares you for such a







First row; Adam Schoder, Dan Florez, Jason Spain, Eric Messmer, Brian Galocy, Chris Rijas, middle row; Joe Dangelo, Todd Leslie, John Bopere, Gene Jordan, Scott Leslie, Donny Higgins, back row; Cosch Bob Komara, Dave Comer, Neil Miklusak, Mike Cox, Nate Miklusak, Dan Broelman, Ryan Davis, Cosch Scott Hendrin.

Wrestling S cores

SHS	Opponent	GHS
49	River Forest 23	42
41	N. Newton 18	12
34	Whiting 33	9
18	Gary Wallace 48	36
37	Gavit 36	26
42	Roosevelt 31	22
22	Lowell 45	42
8	Crown Point 59	17
36	EC Central 33	24
24	Highland 45	33
32	Wirt 42	00

OPPONENT
La Ville 28
KV 59
Calumet 51
ECC 31
Clark 42
L. Station 35
Munster 30
L. Central 49
W. Side 52



Junior Donny Higgins fights to get wrist control. This can help one to take advantage of the situation and maybe end up pinning the opponent.



${\mathcal M}$ ud, sweat and cheers; squads rile crowds, teams

Whether winning or losing, the cheerleaders are always there to support the team players. Such chants as "We want, we want the Panthers" and others. boost the morale of many students and the panther fans, but especially the players.

The cheerleaders not only lead the cheers but are helped out by the spectators. Both help each other by responses to and from the yelling

Sometimes the cheers fade away or wind carries their voices away and the fans can't hear

Junior Cathy Kleimola said, "You feel kind of stupid when the crowd doesn't respond, but you hope they will catch on next time."

The Pantherettes, Booster club, and the Sweater Girls help the cheers to be heard by everyone in the stands. "The booster block helps us make sure the school spirit is in the stands."



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explained junior Alicia Raketich

Two years ago, lifters had begun to take shape and help the cheerleaders out at the basketball games. This year though, they seemed to have faded into nothing. At the first couple of games they were there, but as time went on, some were forced to quit and it was inevitable that they ended it. Kliemola hopes it will continue next

The other side of cheering at games are the competitions. Kleimola commented, "It would be good to be in more competitions. It would give us more experience

At the camp that they attend every summer, there are competitions. One, you must make up a dance before you go and then perform it and get judged on it. For the second year in a row, our cheerleaders have come home with a trophy from this event

They also won the "key to spirit" award at camp which they had never done before. All the squads from other schools get together and vote for the most fired up and helpful squad.

Usually, the girls learn six sideline cheers, six floor cheers, and two dances. They then bring these new ideas onto the

sidelines and show everyone what they have learned.

Most organizations have some kind of fund raising activity. "This year, the cheerleaders sold homecoming mums and used the money from the little girls camp to buy new uniforms. Every year, either varsity or junior varsity gets a new uniform, it alternates," said sponsor Miss Julie Marcinek.

Whatever the case may be, the girls are devoted to their job. The next time you go to the game and see all the cheery faces, there is someone responsible for them.

SHOWING their stuff, Senior Kylee McLellan and Junior Alicia Raketich are set up in a pyramid of splits to lift the school spirit of the crowd.



FLYING high! Junior Dana Anderson demonstrates a toe touch as the basketball team is being announced This is her first year on

GO! FIGHT! WIN! Junior Alicia Raketich leads the crowd with enthusiasm Many times cheering goes with inclement weather and they must dress appropriately.









Basketball Varsity, back row; Kylee McLellan, Colleen Dangelo, Frances Gomez, front row; Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich.



Junior Varsity football, back row; Denise DeBoer, Kelli Ford, Cathy Kleimola, front row, Jill Burbridge, Katrinia Gasper.



Football Varsity, back row; Frances Gomez, Colleen Dangelo, Kylee McLellan, middle row, Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich, front row, Kristen Reyome.



Junior Varsity, back row; Cathy Kleimola, Denise DeBoer, front row, Jenni Cebulski, Jill Burbridge, Kelli Ford.

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oys track team members make their mark this year

Most of us can understand running to get somewhere in a hurry or to get in shape. For an elite group of guys running, track and field events means challenging their bodies to it's ultimate limit. They strive to see how much they can take. They push themselves in such events as discus, shot-put, pole vault, hurdles, long iump, various distance events and relays.

The team members compete against others and themselves. The boys track team has demanding practices every day, and they have to work out all of the time to keep their bodies toned.

The team's goal this year was to improve their win/loss record compared to the one of the previous year. Junior Mike Bell said.

"The meets were pretty tough especially when they were against a lot of schools. It was hard for us to get a lot of



was the first discus thrower to make sectionals in ten years I was very proud of that," said junior Dave Comer.

points because we didn't have as many guys."

The boys track team made some really great achievements this year. This year's team definitely made their mark.

Junior Dave Comer said, "I was the first discus thrower to make sectionals in ten years. I was very proud of that."

Senior Jeff Burks was the conference champ in the high jump and went to sectionals. The 800 meter dash was represented in sectionals by junior Ryan Keen. Keen placed sixth. The 400 meter relay team was juniors Clint Lamb, Mike Worosz. Keen.

and sophomore Don Wasserman. This team also qualified.

The regional competition saw junior Mike Patterson qualify in the high jump. He was the only GHS athlete to do so.

"The major highlight of the year was the conference and regional competitions. Jeff Burks, Mike Patterson and the relay team added to the excitement," said

Coach Les Thornton.
One of the major
strengths of this year's
team is the fact that
we are a young team.
Of the twenty-eight
members, fourteen of
them were new
members. We have a
lot of new members

for next year," said Coach Les Thornton. Coach Thornton was also a 'new member' of the team. He returned to coaching track after a 13 year absence.

At the Spring sports banquet, the awards for the season were presented. Most Valuable Player Jeff Burks; Best Mental Attitude Ryan Keen; Most Improved Mike Cox. The outstanding senior was Jeff Burks;

Junior Don Wasserman tries to pull ahead during the meet against Crown Point.

Sophomore Jim Lattin tries to keep up the pace while Ed Bukowski patiently awaits the hand off



Junior Mike Bell puts all of his concentration and strength into his long jump.







Back rev. Coach Mengis. Coach Jeman, Milke Bell, Doug Ollisepia, Mike Pattarnon, Juff Bortz, Neil Milkhasak, Mike Cue, Mike Werse, Jus Reitz, trainer Karnn Heffman, Coach Los Thominous, search ore manager Liau Forback, Adies Schweder, Russell Piller, Mike Mesch, Dave Gener, Bran Messener, Rod Brewer, Tie Garrey, manager Lautura Hefsteger, Strein Schweder, Strein Leitz, Denth's England, Syen Kann, Jack Messe, manager Backly Medicages.

$\operatorname{Track} \underline{S} \operatorname{cores}$

Placings when competing against the following:

Lake Central & Munster-3 Crown Point-2 Lowell & Calumet-2 Highland-2 Hobart-5 Calumet Invite-5 Griffith Relays-4 Lake Suburban Conference-6



Junior Jack Massa runs against a Lowell competitor in the 400 meter relay during a meet at Griffith.

ow scores great effort pull team together

Running, jumping, and throwing are all parts of track. These events are covered after lots of practice and determination. "Long and hard practice in and out of school helped me qualify for sectionals although I didn't make it to regionals," explained captain senior Julie Lator.

Making goals and setting out to reach them takes a lot of determination. Junior Jenny Seberger said. "My goals were to lower my times from last year and qualify for sectionals in high jump. To make these goals, I ran cross country in the fall and I also watched a video that coach gave me to help me with my form for high jump.'

"My goals continued throughout the season. I wanted to do the best I could and try to do better each meet. This was accomplished by working very hard and keep trying,"



hrougout the season, every one's attitude changed. At first, the attitudes weren't good because of conflicts, but at the end of the season, everyone was giving it their all," said sophomore Sabrielle Juhasz.

commented senior Angie Neal.

As the season changed with time, so did the attitudes. Sophomore Gabrielle Juhasz said,

"Throughout the season, everyone's attitude changed. At first, the attitudes weren't good because of conflicts, but at the end of the season, everyone was giving it their all."

"I thought we started out pretty strong, but the conflicts during the season ended up having many people quit," explained captain senior Dawn Redmon.

In addition to this, injuries played a big role for the girl's track season. Lator said, "The smallness of the team meant we had to run more races and we all got hurt. Seberger agreed, "The small number of athletes on our team hurt us, but individually, I think we did well." Redmon commented, "I thought we did as well as we could. We lost a lot of people later in the season due to injuries and that really hurt us. We also

didn't have the depth because there were a lot of first year track people."
"The biggest change was when some lettermen quit half

way through. It left us

with the smallest team

ever, but it was more dedicated and supportive. That proves that when something bad happens, good will be the result," said Coach Lee Bollhorst

Some of the members who were recognized are Outstanding freshman, Lee Ann Riese; Most Improved, Lator; Best Mental Attitude and MVP, Tingley; a special award for desire and dedication was given to Angela Korba.

Watch out. Here I come! Junior Jenny Seberger jumps 4'10", qualifying for sectionals. One must qualify before going on.



Back row; Cooch Tammy Huzzie, Angie Neal, Angela Korba, Terri Letta, Dawn Redmon, Jenny Scherger, Rachael Luptack, Som Murrian, Laur Heinrichs, Wendy Marse, Cooch Les Bollhoren, middle row; Angie Koffman, Kathy Basler, Kathy Loch, Julie Laior, Cobrielle Juhas, Lechan Riese, Diane Kendall, Genny Huddleston, front row; Michelle Bodley, Tracy LaBuda, Stacy Dukaoich, Angie Matson, Mary Tingley, Pom Willforn, Ruthie Marvel.





Oomph! Senior Diane Kendall launches the shot put out 31'1 1/2" to take the lead at the Griffith Relays.

Track Scores

Calumet-L Lake Central-W Gavit-W Lowell-L Highland-L Crown Point-L Munster-L



Only one lap to go! Freshman Rachel Luptack tries to make her time go down to reach her goal as she runs in the relay.

P

ractice by all makes the season a success

To some people, the sport of soccer is just kicking a ball and running after it. But this is not true to the soccer team members. They know that that is not all there is to it.

Strategy, practice and determination are what the sport of soccer is all about.

According to senior Mike Lake, "We started running a lot in February. We also did interval training and rescrimaging."

"In general, we had a good season," said Lake. "Although we lost several players to grades and personal problems, we still managed to finish a close second in conference." Most schools have a

Most schools have a team that just happens to be their rival. When two fairly good sports teams compete with each other for an important title, they tend to get a little out of hand. For example, prank

BACK ROW- Greg Rocheford, John Korba, Joseph Serbentas, Kevin Koruch, Mike Steele, Andy Lane, Ryan Davis, Rusty Dewes, Troy Lolkema, Mike Dewes, Troy Lolkema, Mike Moriarty, Coach Funk, FRONT ROW. Coach Knestrich, Scott Jennings, Ed Alicheck, Byran Jamison, Eric Messmer, Eric Woodard, Iliya Matoski, Chris Swatts, Dave Crossley, Peter Batinic, Mike Garvey, Dave Knestrich, in



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senior Mike Lake

calling, toilet papering houses and other jokes are sometimes played on the members of the other competing team. Senior Troy

Lolkema said, "Our soccer rivals are Lake Central and Munster. The reason is because we have been playing these teams for six or seven years. Just because two teams are rivals does not mean that they are not friends. They both are competing for the same goal and they both know that one team has to lose."

New players usually drag down or hinder a team. The more experienced the players are the better chance they have at winning, but in this case, according to the veterans of the team, the new players actually helped them. "After all," said senior Mike Steele, "we did finish second in conference."

Conterence...

Sometimes there is a player that gives it more than their all and stands out more than the others. According to the team members, senior Ryan Davis proved to be their most valuable player. He led the team in assets, helped pull the team through some important games and has proven

himself to be a great

player.

In the eyes of some. soccer is one of the most violent sports. The only protection that the players have are their quick reflexes and shin guards. That isn't much. A ball or even another player may come whipping out with such intensity that broken bones or lacerations may occur. The feelings of the team members are, 'We are soccer players, if that's the name of the game, we're willing to play."

Hold on, I will catch it! Junior Dave Crossley is showing his talent by catching a very difficult position of the ball.







Oh no you dont, this one's mine. Senior Ryan Davis struggles to recapture the ball from the opponent.

Soccer Scores

Munster-W Lake Central-W Highland-W Highland-W Crown Point-W Lake Central-W Munster-W Mishawaka-W EC Central-W Morton-L Chesterton-L Andrean-L Portage-L Bishop Noll-W Valparaiso-W Munster-W Lake Central-L Crown Point-W



Stand back everyone, this kick is all mine. Junior Andy Lane moves the ball down the field, showing what a little practice can do when needed.

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nexperience makes a rough season for team

Experience is a important quality that is usually needed by every team. However, this year when it came to playing girls tennis a lot of it could not be found.

"The one problem this year was the fact that our team was predominately freshman and sophomores," said coach Tim Meluga.

"Our varsity team consisted of a lot of first year players," said junior Kathy Kleimola.

"We did well even though we had three freshman on Varsity and a lack of players," said junior Nikki Bowron.

Even though the weak point of having a inexperienced team played a large role in this years season, strong points helped the Panthers along.

"Pam Muha was a great help to the team this year because she was the most experienced." said



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junior Nikki Kurzeja.
"Dedication and
talent helped out a lot
this year." said

Meluga.
"I think that by me

"I think that by me being able to move quickly on the court helped me out some during the year," said Kleimola

Every team sets goals at the beginning of the season to help them work harder. Whether these goals be team or individual they still exist.

"This year our main team goal was to build of strength," said Meluga.

Bowron added, "We wanted to just do our best."

"One of my personnel goals this year was to perform better than the previous years and in some ways I succeeded," said Kleimola.

In sectional play this year the Panthers made it to the semifinal round with Muster left to defeat. However, unfortunately they

"Munster has always had a strong team," said Meluga

"I was happy that we made it that far because that comes to show how hard we worked all year," said Kurzeia.

Every player may have their opinion on the outcome of the season. Some may think it was successful while others think it was only acceptable.

"The season as a whole was pretty good considering what we had to work with. Another aspect to look at was that out of eighteen meets only five of them were at our home court," said Meluga. "I think I did fairly

well this year considering I played doubles all last year and singles this year," said Bowron.

Junior Kathy Kleimola gets ready to return the serve from her opponent. She was one of the few juniors on the team this year.

Freshman Jennifer Huss tosses the ball in the air before her serve. Serving is an important part of playing tennis.



Freshman Kelley Gall strides forward to return the volley of the other player. Kelley was only one of the nine players on the team.







Girls tennis, back row: Nikki Kurzeja, Pam Muha, Nikki Bowron, Lora Lee Kilgore, Jennifer Huss, Katherine Gulotta, front row; Raquel Lopes, Tracy Sines, Danielle Dudek, Kelley Gall, Lindsey Friends, Michelle Gauler, Nicole Barksdale.

Tennis S cores

Hobart-L Morton-W Hammond High-W Wheeler-W Crown Point-L Munster-L Lake Station-W Calumet-W Chesterton-L Lowell-W Highland-L Andrean-L Lake Central-L E.C. Central-L Hanover Central-W Gavit-W

*Sectionals--Hanover-W; Bishop Noll-L



Just a little tap will do it. Thoughts like that one run through junior Nikki Bowron's mind as she spots the ball flying over the net toward her.

T

o achieve par it takes practice and nice weather

The weather forecast was very warm throughout March, then suddenly it turned windy and very wet. That is not exactly ideal golfing weather, but unfortunately that's how the weather was this golfing season.

Golf season started in sunny March, but then out of the blue, the weather took a turn for the worse. That is one of the reasons why the poor golfers could not improve, because of the bad weather which limited the practices.

Golfing coach Mr. Keith Shorb said, "In years past I would have to kick the golfers off the course when it got dark. This year's practices are only about nine holes, which only lasts about 2 to 3 hours."

This years golf team consists of junior Nick Matthews, senior Gregg McCauley, sophomore Dan Bruss,

Back Row: Nick Mathews, Gregg McCauley, Dan Bruss Coach Keith Shorb. First Row: Joe Serbantes, Andy Wroblowski, Steve Spitz, and Jason Reyome.



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freshman Joe Serbantes, sophomore Andy Wroblowski, somor Steve Spitz, junior Jason Reyome, and freshman Brian Pelletier.

According to coach Shorb, another reason this year's golf team isn't as good as in the past is because that in the past they've had more experience.

"This season has not been pleasant in terms of score, but the group was fun to work with," said coach Shorb. the goal for this year's golf team was to have five guys shoot around 180. The closest they came was 182 and according to coach Shorb the

reason was because they were not consistant.

Like in any sport, off season participation is what makes a good golf team. That is basically why the golfers this year have not had that much experience; few of the team members belonged to a golf club.

The two golfers who contributed the most to the golf team according to coach Shorb were captain Gregg McCauley in terms of spirit and freshman Brian Pelletier who contributed by having the most consistant score.

This year, the golf team prepared for the season by watching golf instruction tapes and working on the grip and swings.

The dictionaries definition of golf is "an outdoor game played on a large course with a small resilient ball and a set of clubs, the object being to direct the ball into a series of various distributed holes (usually nine or eighteen) in as few strokes as possible."

Coach Shorb describes it as "a great way to ruin a walk." Junior Nick Matthews "styles around" the putting green in post match play in hopes of improving his







Captain senior Gregg McCauley tees off at one of the season's final golf matches in hopes of coming in with the low score.

Golf Scores

E.C. Central-W
Gary Roosevelt-W
Bishop Noll-L
Crown Point-L
Munster-L
Lowell-L
Lake Central-L
Crown Point-L
Highland-L
Andrean-L
Lake Central-L
Claumet-W

Calumet-W Highland-L Lowell-L Munster-L Clark-L Morton-L E.C. Central-W Portage-L Lake Station-L Lake Hills-W Gavit-W



Junior Jason Reyome, Griffith's only left handed golfer' tries to put one near a hole to bring down the days average.



anthers pull through another successful year

Well, it's that time again. Time for the fun from the sound of the cracking of the bat and the roar of the fans. Yes, softball is here one more time. Have you ever wondered what it takes to become a great softball player? Is it a natural talent or does it take a lot of practicing and time?

"To even think about having a winning season we have to practice long hours with a lot of conditioning," said junior Pam Stanford.

"I don't mind practicing and running a lot because it pays off at the end," said junior Amy Strack.

This season has been another successful one for the Panthers. They ended the season as cochamps with Highland and Lake Central. However, to make this year a success, things had to be done like setting goals by the



t took us a while to become a team but we got things done," said junior Lisa Osmulski.

team and individuals.
"Our team goal that
we set for ourselves

we set for ourselves this year was to go undefeated and to win our conference, regionals, and to go state and win this time," said junior Lisa Osmulski.

At press time, they were facing the Morton Governors in the first game of regionals.

Strack added, "The main thing we were shooting for this year was to go to state and win."

Personal goals also come along with team goals.

"The goal I set for myself this year was to make a conference team and I reached my goal by making second team all conference," said senior Christine Roye.

"I wanted to make all conference first team this year and I did," said senior Michelle Castillo.

Even though the season is a good one, there is always room for improvement.

"A weak point that affected us this year was that our offense was always up and down. One game we would have strong hitting and the next game will be the opposite. Another problem was that at the beginning of the year, there was some

friction between some players but it all worked out at the end," said junior Jenny Seculla.

Osmulski added, "It took us a while to become a team but we got things done."

Strong points are also involved in a season to help it work out better.

Senior Carrie Rockhill jumps and closes her eyes hoping to catch the ball flying toward her. Fortunately she made it.

Junior Amy Strack darts off toward home to score another run for the Panthers. Scoring is the main goal in softball.



Junior Danielle Hanson follows through with the bat after she makes a hit. Hitting was one strong points for the team.







Back row Coach Dave Bronson, Lealie Biscan, Cheryl Shoenborn, Any Enoisen, Pam Stanford, Jenny Seculla, Amy Strack, Anita Garnett, Tricia Royr, Kellie Adams, Coach Jerry Gurrado, Second row Jenna Lehmann, Laura Preste, Jenny Bubala, Aimee Smith, Michelle Castillo, Christin Roye, Rebecco Duncy, Carrie Rockhill, Fred Besch Third row: Heather Devitt, Kimberly Brooks, Sandy Bronson, Daniell Hanson, Denies Castillo, Kim Fulkerson, Tricia Butler Front row: Shellt Linders, Jennifer Kuck, Amy Bishop, Lisa Osmulski, Corey Herdina

Softball Scores

EC Central-W Highland-L Munster-W Gavit-W Hobart-W Lake Central-W Crown Point-W Calumet-W Lowell-W Highland-W Hammond-W Munster-W Lake Central-L Crown Point-W Bishop Noll-L Calumet-W Lowell-W Merrillville-W Andrean-W Hobart-W Hobart-W Morton-W Merrillville-W



While playing short stop, junior Pam Stanford sweeps up a grounder and flips it out of her glove to make the play.

G riffith's finest go for the homerun hit

Griffith's baseball team played an average season despite all of the returning lettermen. They ended the season with a record of 13 wins and 10 losses. Junior Bill Polites says, "It was a disappointing season even though we had a lot of returning lettermen, it didn't seem like they played up to their full potential. Unfortunately I didn't accomplish my goals. I play baseball because it's my favorite sport and even though it's a

one individual's performance."

The teams goal for this year was to win conference, sectionals, or 20 games. None of these goals were accomplished. The season ended with a loss in sectionals to Highland. Senior Steve Trivunovic says, "I thought our chances were great against

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t was the first year I had been on the team and it was a good experience for me," said sophomore Jerry Murdock.

could've gotten passed them we could of probably won sectionals. Overall our vear wasn't as good as it should've been but I had fun playing and since it's my senior year I'll miss it." Senior Terry Rudzinski says, "I had my best game pitching against Whiting this year. I felt I had the best control of the season. I think our team could've been a lot better but our talent didn't bloom We had a chance to beat Highland but our pitching and defense just didn't hold through." Senior Ryan Stanezeski says, "I think one of the major reasons why our team

didn't do very well this season was because of all the bad weather. All the rain this year prevented us from having good practices and made for bad moods during games. I feel if the weather was better we would've had a better season."

season."
Senior Mike
Raketich says, "Crown
point was probably
the best game we
played this season
because when we beat
them 8-2 they were
first in the
conference." Senior
Frank Sainato, voted
most valuable player
on the team says,
"One of the major
reasons our team

didn't live up to our

expectations was that once we got on a hot streak something seemed to go wrong like we'd get rained out, or injuries would occur." Murdock says, "It was the first year I had been on the team and even though our season was not all that great this year, it was a good experience for me. I think the knowledge I've gained from being on the team this year will help me next year." Assistant coach Foss says, "We had high expectations this year but it didn't work.

Senior Ryan Staniszeski puts all his force and strength pitching, wishing it crosses the plate as a strike and helps them win.



Varsity baseball: front row: managers Alicia Raketich, Karen Huddleston, Dana Anderson; second row: Jerry Murdock, Doug Snyder, Scott Shalter, Mark Battiner, Mike Raketich, Bill Polites, Ryan Staniszeski; third row: Caris Foss, Frank Sainato, John Bogner, Steve Triounovic, Terry Ruidzinski, Rick Jerome, Jeff O'Brien, Scott Sutton; fourth row: Coach Tim Foss, Coach Craig Adelsperger, John Verbich, Jim Crosek, Steve Mitchisen, Kyle Towsson, Bill Junkin, Coach Jim Anderson.



Senior Chris Foss takes a running dive into the bag, trying to touch it with the tip of his hand before the baseman tags him out.



Baseball S

Cores

Gary West-W
West Side-W
Gary Roosevelt-W
Highland-L
Munster-L
Chesterton A-W
Chesterton B-L
Lake Central-W
Crown Point-L
Lake Station-W
Hobart-L
Clark-L

Calumet-W Lowell-W Munster-L Highland-L Lake Central-L Crown Point-W Calumet-W Lowell-W EC Central-L Whiting-W Bishop Noll-W Highland-L



Senior Frank Sainato swings as hard as possible and hopes this one might be one of the homeruns he hits out this season.

A Touch of Gold

Between Booster Club, Honor Society, Bowling Club, football, soccer, cheerleading, Student Council and numerous other activities that students get involved in, it is easy to forget the real reason for school - ACADEMICS! Usually, grades are a first priority; studying for tests, writing papers and daily assignments utilize much time.

For many students, an average day consists of going to school at 7:30 for an important meeting, sitting through six hours of classes and then going to some type of practice after school. Taxing the brain, along with physical exercise, can wear a person out. Hitting the books is not what most students want to do after returning home.

Why do students load themselves down with such hard classes and such busy schedules? There are many different reasons for this. Many simply like to become involved in extracurricular activities because they enjoy being involved and athletics and clubs are very good ways to meet new people. While desiring this, they also have to take hard courses to fulfill requirements and take college preparation classes to prepare them for later schooling. There are others who take the classes because they find the subject interesting and want to learn more about it.

Despite the reasons students have for becoming involved, many are

Speeches, Birk bucks, computers, commercials, changing tires and fetal pigs all become a part of making the grade in Academics.

joining in and participating. In the long run, all of the late nights, frustration and time put into studying is worth it. Good grades will help a student in several different ways. They will help students get into the college that they want and they will have the personal satisfaction of learning.

Much of the time, students who maintain high grades are the same ones who become involved in many of the clubs, activities and sports at school. For example, to get into the National Honor Society, a student must have good grades and be active in other school activities. Many other clubs are run by similar rules. Spell Bowl, decathlon, and other academic competitions have special requirements before a student can participate.

Most students at Griffith take their high school education seriously. This commitment is apparent in our very successful academic teams such as ITAC, Spell Bowl, Decathalon, Super Bowl and others.

Together, dedicated students, effective teachers and supportive parents have made our education worthwhile. These combined efforts have added a Touch of Gold to G.H.S!

The mad scientists! Juniors Andy Lane and Eric Messmer concentrate on an experiment they are conducting in Biology 3.4. Experiments are just a few of the many things students get to do when they take this class. Frogs, skeletons, and fetal pigs are also involved.



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Academic Division - 85



Mrs. ElNaggar taught her trigonometry class by working out the problems from the previous days assignment on the chalk board and asking questions.

Mrs. Carstenson tries her best to explain through words and examples, how a certain part of the assignment is correctly interpreted and worked out.





Mr. Platt walks around the room checking his calculus students' homework and making some students do the problems on the board for examples.









alculators, pencils +

concentration = math

Math classes at Griffith high school range from the essentials of mathematics to the highest math class offered, calculus. Each student is required to complete and pass at least four semesters of math to be eligible to graduate. Senior Terry Rudzinski, a calculus student from Mr. Platt's class said, "Calculus is cool because Mr. Platt is the best teacher. I'm taking it because I wish to become an electrical engineer and I'll need it." Senior Eugene Jordan said. 'Math teaches you how to think logically and other classes are just memorization."

Pre algebra, Algebra I, and Algebra II are offered to any student, but Algebra II is more for the college bound

Senior Ricky Roye concentrates intently as he works out the many difficult problems his calculus test contains. He is shooting for student and is considered a college preparatory class. Senior Marc Lesniak says, "Algebra was a good class to take, but like every other class, you get out what you put into it."

Geometry, a class designed to teach careful training and practice in the logical methods of mathematical thinking is offered to the tenth to twelfth grades. Junior Anthony Reid says, "I hated it the most out of all the maths I've ever taken. There was a lot of stuff to memorize and it was boring." A step higher on the ladder is analytical geometry. Senior Jason White says, "It was a really challenging class because Mrs. El Naggar really made me think a lot."

Mr. Carstenson stares out into the room full of students to see if he can get an answer to the question he is asking, while the class Senior Brian Guevera who took trigonometry as a junior said, "Trigonometry was a

"Trigonometry was a breeze if you paid attention in class and did your work, but if you didn't, F."

Some of the more basic math classes offered are the essentials of mathematics class and consumer math. Senior Skip Jones says, "It's a good review of past math classes and it's not too difficult to grasp." Mrs. Carstenson says. "Consumer math is a valuable class for anyone who plans to earn and spend money. Especially if vou're like most people and you spend more money than you earn.

How important is math to one's future? When asked, Senior Ricky Roye said, "I feel math classes are probably the most important classes."





Mr. Ray takes on the challenge of putting together a lecture that will keep his class awake and interested in the subject he is trying to teach them.

Seniors Angela Neal and Todd Hoot enjoy refreshments supplied by the social studies discussion group while they talk about the current topic.





Mr. Birk shows his economic classes the newspaper and the students discuss the happenings of their community and the events that effect the world







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urrado's island, Birk's

bucks make history

Everyone knows most of history is learned through lecturing. But there are different ways teachers try to keep their classes awake by making them more interesting. Mr. Hastings says, "We play a variety of games such as 'history fish', a card game. 'history bingo', along with quiz contests.' Alot of teachers require book reports done once a semester. Mr. Thornton says. "I give out book reports because I want the students to read. I feel reading is the key to success. If I can get them into the library and teach them something I feel a sense of accomplishment." Mr. Birk trys to keep his students interested by dealing with day to day issues in his economics class. He also gives out 'Birk bucks' which he gets from daily attendence

Mr. Hastings shows his world history class a flashcard dealing with a history subject and waits for one of his eager students to supply an answer.

records, good

homework assignments and top test scores. At the end of the nine weeks they can be traded in for prizes. free test scores, free homework assignments and extra points. Senior Fran Romano says, "I was glad he had them because both nine weeks I traded them in for points that ended up bringing up my grade in the class." Mr. Ray has taken some of his students who were interested on field trips. One was to a competition held in the states capital Indianapolis dealing with government. Tera Braddam who attended said "We didn't do very well but I met a lot of different people and learned a lot from the experience." Mr. Ray also took some of his students to a convention held at East Chicago Central school on the environment. Leslie Stupeck said, "I really

Eric Dec and Tom Sippel participate in Mr. Gurrado's govt. class by raising their hands either in favor or opposed to a proposal given by a student. enjoyed the topic and it showed a different view of the world and our atmosphere." On Wednesday mornings in Mr. Birk's classroom there is a discussion group that meets it is called the social studies discussion group. anyone can attend. The group meets and discusses controversial issues such as abortion or capital punishment. Mr. Birk says, "It is a good way to bring the students together and show them that there are different views on subjects." Senior Steve Trivunovic says. "Sometimes I really get into what we're talking about and want to express my opinion." Although many teachers try to make their classes more interesting there are still some who aren't. Senior Monica McCabe says, "History is my worst subject and I just can't see myself getting into it." Junior Mick Rove says, "It is fun sometimes to learn about the earlier people."





Academic Decathalon from back: Matt Lake, Jason Reyome, Todd Hoot, Christine Sutkowski, and Rick Roye. Front row: Joe Last, Kristin Birk, Terry Netos, and Brian Guevara.



ITEC team: Rick Roye, Jason Reyome, Matt Lake, Kevin Kozuch, Chris Hawkins, Brian Jamison, and Dana Anderson.

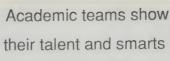


Spellbowl from back: Denise Castillo, Melissa Busovsky, Chrissy Fisher, Debbie Miller, Matt Lake, Kevin Kozuch. From front: Matt Marcus, Marcie Dresbaugh, Brian Jamison, Dana Anderson, and Lois Cox.



Superbowl from back: Kevin Kozuch, Matt Lake, Brian Jamison, and Lois Cox. From front: Chris Hawkins, Dana Anderson, Chrissy Fisher, and Denise Castillo.





The United States Academic Decathalon consists of three seperate categories. The honors team consisted of Todd Hoot, Rick Rove and Matt Lake. The scholastic team consisted of Kristin Birk, Jason Reyome and Christine Sutkowski, and the varsity team for the decathalon included Joe Last, Terry Netos and Brian Guevara.

There were 9 categories plus a super quiz, making up the decathalon. These consisted of mathematics, economics, fine arts, science, history, essay (over the Great Gasby or Sound and the Fury), speech. interview and the super quiz. The super quiz was over the history of the American

A lot of time is put in by all the team members. Senior Rick Rove says, "We came in every morning before school at 7:15, after school for an hour and several times at lunch."

In September, Griffith High School's Spellbowl team attended a competition held at Lowell. After winning their division with 68 words correct out of 80 possible, the team ended up in 1st place in the class 2 division. Griffith High School was one of the 220 senior high teams in the Hoosier Spellbowl competitions. Each team that participates consists of ten students (no more than four from each grade level), plus two alternatives.

Coach Jerry Spejewski says, "My expectations were shakey because the majority of the team was rookies. But I'm proud of the overall performance.

On Tuesday, April 17, the Academic Superbowl competed against other schools at Wheeler High School. This year's competition was about Ancient Greece. The team members really enjoyed the topic. Netos says, "We were only up against Andrean at Wheeler so we had no idea how the other one hundred odd schools in our category were doing.'

This year's Academic Superbowl team didn't do as well as they would have liked to. Although they did not qualify for state, beating Andrean in all categories except all-around was quite an accomplishment. Junior Jason Revome said. "I thought we'd do a lot better because we seemed to do so well last vear.

The Quadrathon, otherwise known as the ITEC team, was involved in a computer competition. There were 4 people to a team and they each got one problem to work out. The team members worked very hard on the competition and gave it their all. The competition took place at Purdue Calumet. Darin Anderson said, "It was very challenging and fun.'



Mrs. Deleget, coach of the ITEC team, helps junior Jason Revome work out



Mrs. Surovek and senior Ricky Roye study notes and prepare for the up and coming academic

Senior Chris Hawkins and junior Kevin Kozuch go over the material they have prepared for the superbowl team

Academics - 91



oreign languages

wave of culture, fun

When most people think of Spanish and French class, they invision a world of pure boredom. They think of endless drilling of verbs. notebooks full of worksheets, and what seems like a neverending hour. Realistically, after the first year of Spanish or French things ease up a bit. By the time you hit Spanish 3-4 it even starts to be fun.

Foreign language is not required to graduate but most students take it to prepare for college. Most students only take two years of Spanish or French. this means they miss the fun and enjoyment of more years of their foreign language. The foreign languages offered are not just planned to drill you until you drop. You also do extra things to get more involved.

For an artistic side of Espanol, Spanish classes got to design their dream casa

Today we will read about Spanish culture. Mr. Weaver explains to his Spanish II class some things about Spanish life and heritage. (house), and make pinatas. For many people, this is a favorite part of the year. Their pinatas range to a perfect representation of Batman to one really rad surfer. For the lighter side of Spanish, classes had to

read a Spanish novel.

"We did a lot of
different things in
Spanish this year, it
was great and I plan
on taking Spanish
Four next year," said
junior Mike Jorden.

For French students. things were a bit different. Not only do they learn the language as fluently as possible, they also learn a lot about the culture and people of France. They learn many French songs. They also learn about many different places in France. Watching videos and movies about France is also a big part of the class. This year, French classes also got to see the opera "Carmen"

French teacher Mrs.

Weber said "The kids really liked the opera. Some of them even wanted the soundtrack for it." Taking the language really makes people want to go to Paris, not just hear about it. "I feel that after taking this class. French students dream of a ride on the Metro, climbing the Eiffel Tower, or strolling down the Champs-Elysee, I'm making cultural wonders out of them." said Weber,

Culture is the name of the game for foreign language students. They broaden their knowledge of a country through not only hard work but with some fun too.

With such a great foreign language department, it's like having another whole country right in your school.

Let's go over this one more time Amy. Junior Amy Smith listens carefully as Mrs. Weber explains one of the worksheet problems.











Are you sure it's right?
Junior Tim Gatlin and
sophomore Aimee Enoksen
turn in their homework as
Miss Fedorchak looks on.





A few more finishing touches and Jorden will be slamming. Sophomore Todd Kosteba and Mr. Weaver finish a Michael Jordan pinata.

Am I having fun yet? Sophomore Diane Davis smiles as she finishes her Spanish assignment. Bookwork is a big part of Spanish class.



I think we need some maple syrup, then this would be perfect. Senior Monica Rocha help prepare potato pancakes in Contemporary Literature.

One down ninety to go. Junior Clint Lamb tries to get his note cards done during class time. Note cards are an important part of completing a term paper.



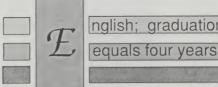


Thank you for your attention. Senior Mari Ward thanks her audience after the completion of her speech. Speech class can help students talk in public.









nglish; graduation

Nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, and clauses. All the things we hate, but have to learn about. Griffith requires eight. semesters of English

to graduate. The English Department has tried to give the students a wide variety of classes to make the long semesters go by faster There are requirements: Sophomore English. one composition class. and three additional

"I don't really think we should have to take eight semesters of English. We learn the same things over and over again," said senior Ann Cannon.

semesters.

English is not a favorite subject, it is sometimes considered boring. The teachers

Make sure you do number 3 at the bottom. Mrs. Sharon Smith explains the test to her class. Teachers and students must communicate for a successful year.

try to make it more interesting by giving students stories or creative writing assignments.

"The students have to see that I enjoy English, I also have to let them see that it is a great subject. Grammar may be the least favorite part, but when it is put together it is a big puzzle. That's what makes it fun," said teacher Mrs. Shelia Vaclavik.

"I like literature classes better than grammar classes. Catcher in the Rye is pretty suave," said senior Laura Heinriches, Students often have favorite English classes. Those classes are often interesting or have a lot of variety.

"I like Contemporary

I many more pages do I have to read? I hope not a lot. Senior Monica Taylor tries to read her assignment. Reading is a big part of many English classes

Literature. The stories are very interesting, I especially like the ones with irony at the end," said senior Carey Rockhill.

Even though the teachers try to make it interesting, they sometimes fail.

"I hate English. Especially when we have to read stupid books or stories," said senior Gene Jordan.

Junior Ami Sanders agreed, "It is hard to eniov a class when teachers make you read a boring book.

Every person who graduates must at one time or another, write a term paper. Term papers are sometimes hard for students, but they are very useful.

"I think that term papers are very useful. Once you go to college you have to know how to do one. Almost any field of study requires a term paper to be written.





Be careful, don't spill it! Sophomore Chris Moriarty uses care in doing his oil lab. These labs are done in class to be used in the future.

Watch this! Sophomore Dan Schumann demonstrates how to put the wood together. Using the proper tools is necessary to get the job done.





Junior Jenny Bubala works carefully and precisely as she puts the marks down. Precision takes time and effort in order to complete the blueprint.









T.E. classes become

more advanced

Getting the tools ready and making sure nothing is going to go wrong, the student prepares for the hour of work, I.T.E. classes prepare you for the world if you plan to be around electronics. automobiles, or even woods. A lot of times. students don't know much going into the class, but when they leave, they can put what they've learned into action.

Senior Eric Fetch said, "I learned how to rebuild an engine and I did a valve job. It was fun, now if I have to do it in the future, I don't have to rely on mechanics."

Junior Marty Torrez agreed, "I took the class so when I own a car, I could fix it myself and not depend on anybody."

Am I doing this right? Senior Ron Szafarczyk asks his teacher, Mr. Larry Parker, about the graph on the computer. Computers are very important. "I made a jewelry box. Right now, I'm making a wooden medicine cabinet with a mirror," explained senior Michelle Tucker.

Torrez commented,
"It's been tough
because my teacher
has been out lately,
but I've learned how
to change brakes."

To see the end product is what most people wait for. Tucker said, "When it's done, it makes you feel good to see what you've made."

Contrary to many people's belief, I.T.E. is not only for the guys. If girls had more encouragement there would probably be more. Senior Julie Lator said, "At first I was afraid the guys would make fun of me, but I've overcome.

Here's how it goes Mr. Aldrin, woods teacher, demonstrates to Michelle Tucker as they finish the product that she has been working on for a while. that."

Tucker agreed, "I liked how the guys treated me the same even though I am a girl. Sometimes, they even asked me for help."

Lator added, "I hope more girls will take these classes and not be afraid of what the guys will say."

Some people look for classes that will benefit them in the future. Fetch explained, "I'm going to use it as a hobby because cars will always need to be fixed."

These classes could prepare you for other reasons. Sometimes students take a class because they plan on using it in their career. There are many choices that are available, including architectural designing, power mechanics, and craftsmanship.





Sophomore Pat Vrehas is in the process of making a new fashion statement with the earrings that she is making. Students can choose the style.

Junior Rocky Fisher and Mr. Robert Witt, art teacher, create a new design in sculpturing. Sculpture classes are available at Griffith High.





Let's see how this goes. Senior Olga Cazares studies the picture that she is about to draw. Concentration and precision are important parts of the class.









aking waves to build

different creations

A crazed and peaceful place, where everyone is doing their work and the finished product is on it's way.

This could be a typical art class. There are many different art classes available. There are ceramics, drawing and painting, sculpture, jewelry, and art appreciation.

Some students take these classes to get away from the everyday classroom life. Senior Jason Bowman said, "I like my class because it gives me time to think."

Senior Scott
Jennings agreed, "It
gives me a chance to
do what I want and
what I like to do.
Ceramics is more or
less a get away."

Junior Joe Reitz said, "I like art because I can do what Hurry up and dry! Senior

Hurry up and dry! Senior Christa Simmons prepares her Gumby for the next step. Art classes demand time and effort to get a job done well. I want and feel like."

To be in an art class, many think that you must be creative. Senior Deena Wesolowski said, "Anyone who's interested in art and likes to work with their hands and be creative could be in ceramics or iewelry."

"Drawing and painting opens you up to new subject matter and ideas and even new methods of art," said Bowman.

Wesolowski added, "When someone makes coil vases and they carve designs on it, it will look more

artistic."
Some classes appeal more to some than others. Reasons for choosing a class can be very different.
Jennings said, "I took ceramics because I like to work with clay."

Senior Deena Wesolowski practices what she has learned about airbrushing. Airbrushing has become popular among the students. On the other hand, Bowman explains, "I guess I'm used to it. I've been in art my whole life and I wouldn't know what to do without it."

Learning experiences come with most classes. Wesolowski said, "I've learned how to airbrush, make clay, and how to sculpt boxes out of clay."

Jennings added,
"Everything that I do
in ceramics is a new
learning experience."

As one gets familiar with their class, a style tends to develop. Jennings said, "I like throwing vases, a type of ceramics in which you form the clay on a modeling wheel. The best way to express myself is through the clay and the way I form it."

Reitz said, "It depends on the mood that I want to get across. I draw what my mind sees."







eadlines, darkroom present pressures

Memories are not only made, but kept in the Reflector and Panther Press.

"The Panther Press writes about events that are happening now and the Reflector sums up the year," said junior Jennifer Lassifer

"The yearbook is like the school's diary," said senior Dawn Dunnett.

"You may never see some of these people again, but yet you can look back in the yearbook and remind yourself of them so they are never forgotten," said junior Jennifer Potts.

In forming these two publications, there is a lot of preparation to be done; deadlines are set and stories are written and placed on the layout.

Deadlines are a big part of being on a publications staff. "I don't like deadlines unless I'm all caught up with everything that I'm supposed to have done," said

Juniors Jason Reyome and Matt Marcus use the computer to write their story. The computers are an important part of being on staff. senior Dawn Redmon.
Many of the staffers feel that these publications classes are a good experience. Redmon said, "I think the yearbook and newspaper teach the staff responsibility."
Senior Chair.

Senior Chris Hawkins said, "You get to learn how to work with people. It's definitely an experience."

Senior Mark
Osmulski agrees, "It
helps you relate with
people that you would
not get to know if you
were not on staff."

This year a new challenge was faced when meeting deadlines. The darkroom in the Jroom began leaking and the photographers had to move their supplies to the darkroom located behind the duplicating room, which took them two days to accomplish. The move presented them with some new problems. Redmon said "It made communicate with

everyone because they would get mad at us for not having their pictures done but by being in a differet area of the school we could not communicate well on a daily basis. It made it harder to

work with everyone." Although there are pressures and problems, there is still a sense of fun and accomplishment. Hawkins said, "Being in charge takes a lot of work, besides what you are doing, you have to worry about others and you get stuck doing odd jobs It's difficult, stressful, and headaches come often, but it can be fun, expecially when you see the final

Senior Chris Hawkins works very hard on getting his work done. He is the newspaper editor-in-chief, which is a year-round commitment.









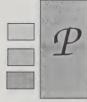




Relector staff, back row: Stephanie Gilbert, Dawn Redmon, Matt Galocy, Lori Russell, Miss Julie Marcinek, middle row; Alison Textor, Diane Kendall, Jennifer Potts, Dawn Dunnett, front row; Nanette Rodell, Colleen Dangelo, Pam Wiltfom,



Panther Press, back: Matt Marcus, Chris Hawkins, Mark Osmulski, Kevin Nordyke, Jason Reyome, middle: Terry Netus, Frank Sainato, Alicia Raketich, Miss Julie Marcinek, front; Christie Howard, Kelli Ford, Nikki Bowron, Dana Andeston, Karen Hoffman.



igs,unknowns,hearts

in science classes

When you think of fun does it include, dissecting pigs, studying the human heart, or doing chemical unknowns? Well the students in Biology class, both basic and advance, chemistry class, and physics must think so.

"Biology 3-4 is a very challenging class, but I enjoy doing the labs," said senior Nan Rodell.

"I'm in chemistry and sometimes it can be hard because there is a lot of different things to learn like equations and the periodic table. However, labs make it more interesting," said junior Lisa Osmulski.

Basic Biology class consists of a few traditional projects like the human cell or the human heart However, there are also other projects and labs that the students are asked to do.

Juniors Lisa Osmulski and Jenny Spain help each other mix a solution to see if its the right chemical they are looking for. This is during the unknown lab. "I like doing projects and labs, because it is different than listening to lecturing," said sophomore Denise Thompson.

"The thing I like the most are the labs because they give you a chance to learn things on your own rather that by listening to a teacher," said sophomore Dedra Rutherford

Another class that involves a large assignment is advanced Biology. In this class the dissection of the fetal pig takes up about a month of the school year.

"I enjoy the dissection part of advanced Biology because it lets you be able to touch and actually see the inside of a body and how it works," said senior Eugene Jordon.

Doing chemical

unknowns in chemistry class is something that students may or may not enjoy.

"I found unknowns to be fun because you didn't know what you were working with until you found out for yourself," said junior Nikki Kurzeja.

In physics class there are many large labs during the year.

"One lab that we do is on light waves and is very interesting," said senior Steve Trivunovic.

What ever science class a student is in, there are a lot of different things that go on.
"Labs are used a lot.

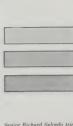
"Labs are used a lot in Biology 3-4 to enhance the class" said Biology teacher Ruth Charmichael. Junior Chris Swatts takes a test for the Biology 3-4 class during the lab on the dissection of the pig. This lab takes about a month to finish.











Senior Richard Salcedo tries to dissect his pig by using a probe. This is a lab that consists of month of work and many quizzes and worksheets.





Senor Jen Bednar compares her pig with her lab partners. This unit is a unit that the students do more individual work rather than pairs.

Senior Kristen Birk looks through a microscope during a Biology 3-4 lab. This is only one example of labs done during the year.



Junior Janice Hancock works on her assignment for record keeping, a class many students take as a basis for accounting or future secretarial work.





Senior Chris Vestal takes advantage of a free day given to him in Mr. Foss's computer literacy class to work on something of his own.

Senior Christopher Foss works eagerly to finish an assignment given to him in Mr. Price's business law class before the bell rings.









tudents take time out

to tend to business

The business department at Griffith high school ranges from courses of accounting, advanced accounting, and general business, to classes such as short. hand, record keeping. typing, and office procedures, Mr. Koval. an accounting, and advanced accounting teacher said. "I encourage the students who do well in accounting to go on to advanced accounting to further their learning." Senior Steve Spitz, an advanced accounting student says, "Accounting is a very good college preparatory class for a student planning on going on in business." Senior Christine Rove added, "Accounting class will provide me with a comprehensive background to begin

Mr. Koval and senior Tina Patricks go over the recent accounting assignment to make sure no mistakes were made and the assignment was complete. my field of study in accounting."

Mrs. Homgren teaches record keeping, office procedures, and short hand. She says, "The classes I teach are kind of basic courses for people who want to advance to either accounting or secretarial work. Senior Leela Tauber says, "Record keeping helps you if you decide to further your career into some kind of secretarial work." Senior Monica Rocha has taken office procedures and says. "It teaches you to organize your financial matters and how to keep records for a husiness."

Mr. Foss teaches a class called computer literacy. He feels, "It prepares you to understand business and a lot of what I teach is identical to what you need to know out in the real world." Senior Jeff

Burks says, "I like the class because I can use the computer to design my new hair cuts." Sophomore Jason Greevich says, "I took the class because I enjoy computers and wanted to learn more about them." Business classes such as general business and business law are offered. Mrs. McNabney, former business teacher and current typing teacher says, "Business law is a good basic course for everyone, it prepares you for the everyday business transactions you make and it teaches you to know when it's a good time to get a a good lawyer."

Most students take at least a year of typing or keyboarding. Junior Tim Adams says, "I think it's good to learn to type so when you have papers to do it's easier if you can type them yourself rather than having to find someone else to."

Sophomore Todd Leslie works rapidly to try to finish his assignment for typing class without making too many mistakes in the process.



Golden opportunities

Bake sales, blood drives, candy sales, and honors are all a part of Griffith High organizations

Writing term papers, reading books, and many other things take up much of the time of Griffith High School students. While the actual school day is often exhausting for the students, the hard work often continues late into the night with studying. For some, this heavy load is enough, but for others, getting involved in extracurricular activities after school is just as important as school itself.

Where would our school be if it was not for the organizations such as DECA, Student Council, Booster Club, and many others? Every year, the different clubs hold fund raisers. If it wasn't for these clubs, students would not be able to snack on candy that the different organizations sell. This year, the Pantherettes sold 'Bad to the Bone' keychains to raise money as well as to promote school spirit.

The different organizations are the ones who sponsor all of the school dances that are often held in the upstairs gym after games. If it was not for the dedicated movie workers, students would not be able to see the many movies shown in the Griffith High School auditorium on many Friday and Saturday nights. Every year, the National Honor Society holds a blood drive that attracts many students and teachers as well as

outsiders who are eager to help those in need. Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom are just a few of the other things that would not be if it were not for the clubs.

Why exactly do many of the students become involved in these time-consuming extra-curricular activities? Some like to become active in a little bit of everything just for the experience. Also, having these activities to write down on applications for college, jobs, scholarships, and other things is helpful and looks very impressive.

Some students get involved because they have the extra time on their hands. Becoming active in these school activities is a good way to spend time and have fun. Time is very important when it comes to these organizations. Many of the things that the members work on become very time consuming. A member must be willing and dedicated.

Where there is a successful club there is a successful sponsor. Teachers often volunteer their extra time to organize the clubs and help the students in decisions and activities throughout the year.

Honor Society members senior Jennifer Stokes and junior Ann Barenie keep senior Todd Larsons' mind off of the fact that he's donating blood. Many students participated in the National Honor Society's annual blood drive. The drive is one on the many activities sponsored by school organizations.

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Organizations

Organizations Division - 107

Organizing activities, taking charge, leading the way

Follow the leadership

A the beginning of each school year, meetings are held to elect new officers for most organizations. This year was no different. These leaders include president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, and in some cases, captain.

Senior Angie Clark, president of the Booster Club said, "The responsibility that I have had has been difficult but also it has

been a lot of fun. It's a lot more work than I expected."

Many people believe that a vice president just sits around
and enjoys the popularity, but there are responsibilities of
great importance, such as in DECA where the vice president is

in charge of the sweet o'gram fund raisers.

Senior Steve Spitz, vice president of student council said, "I
have a responsibility that most people don't realize. One
responsibility that I have is to take charge of the entire
meeting when the president isn't there."

Although president and vice president seem to be the most important part of a lot of things, the secretaries of

organizations also play a huge role.

Senior Janet Hayes, secretary of DECA said "I have many responsibilities. I take notes at meeting and also on trips. I write certain articles and obviously play in the activities that everyone in DECA participates in."

The historians of clubs keep track of all the special memories of the year by taking pictures and putting them in a scrapbook; that is just one of the jobs that they have.

Sport are also a great way to show leadership. Leadership can be displayed in any sport.

Senior Kathy Lach said, "Being a captain means taking on a couple of responsibilities such as, showing the younger runners what they are supposed to do, which is a job in itself. As a track captain I have to show leadership and set a good example for the new runners."

Being a leader means being responsible and getting the job done.

Senior Matt Lake, president of Honor Society, and sponsor of Honor Society, Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, are discussing some last minute plans for the blood drive, held on Wednesday, March 28th.







Senior Todd Hoot, Senior Class President is preparing his Masters of Ceremony in which he presented at the Senior Banquet held on Wednesday, April 3rd.



Senior Mark Osmulski, President of Quill and Scroll is completing the program for the Quill and Scroll banquet. That is just one of the responsibilities that the president has.



Seniors Gene Jordan and Ryan Davis, captains of the wrestling team are called out to the floor to review the rules. The captains are required to guide the younger players.

Involvement proves rewarding;

student leaders make decisions

Student Government

he student government does a lot of things for our school. Homecoming, Prom, Turnabout and many decisions are just a few things they do. "Trying to find ways to help out the school and make it better is what Student Council is all about," said Junior Jill Burbridge.

Besides making decisions for the school, the Student Council such as the paper drive and the sale of Santa grams. Santa grams were the biggest fund raiser. "The paper drive did not go over well at all, but that was because there was not much effort put into it," said Senior Steve Trivunovic.

Each class has one main event to put together a year.

Sophomores have Turnabout, juniors has the job of preparing for Prom and seniors make all arrangements for Homecoming.

With putting things together there are always decisions to be made. In order to reach a decision they take a vote and the majority wins. With approximately forty five students in tenth through twelfth that could be a challenge at times. "Although there are a lot of people to consider in decisions we usually agree as a group pretty well, but once in a while we do have different opinions," said Jen Romano.

Students enjoy taking part in decisions and fund raisers for different reasons. Allision Kundrot said, "I like being a part of it because you get to be involved with the school and it is basically an easy activity, making posters and selling things." As Jill Burbridge said, "I like it because it is a good experience and you get to find out other peoples' ideas." Despite the different reasons the members get involved, they do their job and do it well. "It is an organization that tries to work for the student body and the community, helping school needs or collecting money for a child in town who is having an operation, and that is what it is all about to me," said Jen Romano. So if you like planning, making decisions and politics, then you should find out about council.

LISTEN to my ideas! Senior Kylee McLellan tells her ideas to the others hooping they will like them and maybe they will help out. Telling your ideas to each other is what it is all about.









SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL: fourth row: Mike Lake, Matt Galocy, Mark Osmulski, Jennifer Bednar, Matt Lake, third row; Jennifer Stokes, Pam Wiltfong, Lori Russell, Kristen Reyome, Brian Guevara, second row: Steve Spitz, Mike Raketich, Frances Gomez, Ryan Staniszeski, Marcie Dresbaugh, first row; Steve Trivunovic, Todd Hoot, Kylee McLellan, Christine Roye.



JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL: third row: Jenny Seberger, Janies Hanceck, Chris Swatts, Joe Judge, Tima Kilyore, Mart Martus, Jen Bublas, second row; Dena Anderson, Michelle Zebracki. Amy Floyd, Kelli Ford, Nikki Billingsley, Jill Burbridge, first row, Laura Shoulders, Amy McDonnell, Listo Smulski, Mile Flipp, Jason Reyone, Alicia Raketich, Chad Idrin. SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL: Kristin Anderson, Rebecca Wisinski, Kevin Kauch, Denise Deboer, Jenny Carpenter, Rhond Myers, Tracy Sines, Denise Castillo, Kelli Swienconek.



SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL: back row; kirsten Anderson, Rebecca Wisinski, Kevin Kozuch, Denise DeBoer, Jennifer Truman. Front Row: Rhonda Meyers, Tracy Sines, Denise Castillo, Kelly Swieconek.



STUDENT COUNCIL: Todd Hoot, Mike Farley, Greg McCauley, Mark Osmulski, Eric Yoway, Mike Lake, Steve Trivunovic, Amy McDonnell, Alison Kundrot, Jason Reyome, Darin Anderson, Jennifer Stokes, Karen Hoffman, Cathy Kleimola, Jennifer Bednar, Kellie Swienconek, Jill Burbridge, Kelly Ford, Janis Hancek, Alicia Raketich, Lisa Osmulski, Pam Wiltong, Stephanie Gilbert, Denise Castilo, Jennifer Romano, Jennifer Osborn, Dana Anderson, Tracy Murr, Laura Shoulders, Stephanie Kirk, Kristin Birk, Nikki Billingsley, Tracy Sines, Michelle Zebrack, Kylee McLellan, Ryan Staniszeski, Steve Spitz.

Decorating, lifting spirits,

performing halftime dances

Booster Club Pantherettes

o you think it's all fund and games for the people who give spirit to Griffith High School? It isn't always fun, but it does mean attending home football and basketball

The booster club not only has to worry about raising spirits for the games, but also for the decathlon. This includes taking time before school to decorate lockers. The booster club members also have poster making sessions to boost everyones spirits. Each time a member attends one of these poster making sessions they receive "booster club points". If a member refuses to show up it means no points and a demerit. These sessions usually occur on a Thursday night before a game.

"I think that the poster making sessions are worth the time they take up. It makes you feel good and it gets everyone motivated for the game," said Senior Gregg McCauley.

The members with the most points at the end of the year get the opportunity to be the sweater girls for the up coming year. The hard work continues. The sweater girls have several fund raisers; they hold car washes in the summer and sell

candy, gobblegrams and valentine-grams during the school year.

The Pantherettes aren't involved in all fun either. They spend time selling candy, balloons and ribbons and participating in the little girls camp. The fund raisers are to raise money for new uniforms and banquets. All through the year the Pantherettes have to take time to look through the music the band provides, divide into squads, and then think up the routines. Even before the Pantherettes are selected, they go through tryouts which aren't easy. The students have to go to practices, learn routines created by seniors, then go in front of eleven judges.

Although there is a lot of hard work involved, the people in it actually do get more out of games than just "being there".

"I think the people in Booster Club get more out of going to the games because they are more active and they promote the game in a way," said Booster Club sponsor, Kay Orzechowics.

> "Wow! That's not our regular football coach!" Booster Club sponsor, Kay Owzechowics portrays football coach Les Thornton During the homecoming pep rally.







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Pantherettes: Back Row: Nikki Bilingsley, Robin Guzicki, Noel Grudzien, Cindy Knezevich, third row: Genny Huddleston, Michelle Zabracki, Tina Kilgore, Jennifer Bishop, Bobby Peters, second row: Brandi Christopher, Wendi Mares, Michelle Jones, Tina Pena, Bandi Rentchier, Lisa Segally, first row; Kristin Birk, Jenny Whitfield, Jenny Stokes, Donna Slacanin, Beth Menser



Sweater Girls: Cindy Caldwell, Jennifer Lassiter, Jenny Murian, Shannon Powers, Melissa Fleming, Barbee Gal, Holly Farrar, Melinda Fleming, Dawn Rickert, Angie Clark



HONOR SOCIETY Back row, Dan Dewar, Eric Dec, Mike Lake, Alex Djukic, Darin Anderson, Kristine Sutkowski, third row, Lisa Osmulski, Jason White, Jenny Seaberger, Debbie Miller, Chris Hawkins, Tim Garvey, Dana Anderson, second row, Mrs. Spejewski, sponsor, Pam Maha, Marcie Dresbaugh, Laura Heindricks, Lori Russell, Pam Wiltong, Christine Rove, Bottom row, Anne Barenie, Jason Reyome, Matt Lake, Todd Hoot, Kylee McLellan.



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QUILL AND SCROLL. back row; Karen Hoffman, Chris Hawkins, second row: Pam Wiltfong, Mark Osmulski, Lisa Grubbs, bottom row; Lori Russell, Miss Julie Marcinek, sponsor.



GIRLS-BOYS STATE: back row; Christine Roye, Kristin Birk. Kylee McLellan, Mike Lake, Lori Russell, bottom row, Matt Lake, Todd Hoot, Gregg McCauley, Terry Netos.





Achievements in academics, athletics, activities recognized by

HONOR GROUPS

mor groups. Are they strictly academics? Although most people believe this, these groups do things other than just make good grades. The blood drive is what the Honor Society does yearly as their project. This year it was held March 28 in the fieldhouse. Being in a special honor group is just that, an honor. These people work very hard to get where they are and to stay there. In order to be in Honors Society you must uphold a 3.4 grade point average, show good leadership skills, and be a good, honest person. You have to show you can get good grades and be active at the same time. Just because you make the grade does not mean you will have a spot in the group. You have to show that you have what it takes to be a part of it. Anne Barenie said, "I like being involved in Honor Society because for one, it really is an honor. Being involved also keeps you busy, so there is always something to do."

Quill and Scroll is made up of people with exceptional writing abilities. These students must have already had Journalism 1 and then go on to either staff, the yearbook or newspaper. Lisa Grubbs said, 'I really liked the induction into it, that was a real nice banquet even though we really have not done much, it is still nice

to be considered a part of the group."

Although the varsity club is a very large group of people, they can still sit down and make decisions. They have a meeting to discuss Homecoming king and queen and vote on who they want. Also, Girls-Boys State was an event which took place this past summer a Indiana State University for seven days. Senior Kylee McLellan said, "I enjoyed it a lot, it was a good learning experience about government and you got to meet a lot of people." At the end of the seven days there was a very nice ceremony and certain people gave debates like real presidents would. It was all worth the pain of writing an essay and giving a speech in order to be picked.

FORGET the temperature, my ear is bleeding! Junior Don Hill sits waiting to give blood for the blood drive on March 28 Bowling strikes, showing

movies, designing sets; all

part of the Club scene

Movie workers, Bowling Club and stage crew are just a few of the activities other than sports at Griffith High school. These activities take place after school and yet still involve the students.

The movie workers work on Friday and Saturday nights once a month at the school. There is a choice on which night you prefer to work. It is not just sitting and watching the movies like one might think, workers have to take tickets, control the audience and pick up trash afterwards. As junior Joe Judge said, "It is a lot of fun being with friends but when the audience trashes the place, that is not fun." Also as senior Debbie Miller said, "I like it because you get to see movies for free and and it provides good service for the community." Overall it is something fun to do for everyone, and good entertainment for the public too.

The stage crew works hard to help make the school plays

run smoothly. They build props for the fall play and control the lighting. Some people think being on the stage crew is not much hard work but it takes a lot of time and effort. Some people join because it is something to be involved in, but others like junior Matt Stucky said, "I have always liked to build things to this way I was able to build sets and stuff like that, plus I like working with people so it is a lot of fun." These kids are a group who are devoted to what they do and try to get the job done well.

What do students do from three to five? Some go bowling! The bowling club gets together every Wednesday after school to compete against each other. Everyone is divided into groups and a head leader is picked. Each group tries to beat other groups and place high on the scale. There are different reasons why these people join the Bowling Club, Senior Frank Romano said, "I joined bowling on a dare and became president on a dare too, but I really like it a lot because it is fun." No matter what the reason for being a part of these groups, students have fun while they work.

That will be \$1.75 please. Senior Matt Lake is eager to see the movie that the movie workers are showing. Coming to the movie's at school sure does save everyone a lot of money.







BOWLING CLUB: back row, Gary Logan, Dan Bruss, Mike Beasley, Larry Brooks, Eric Richecke, Pat Czaban, Larry Atkins, Mike Tanis, middle row, Debbie Miller, Tom Bukowski, Mark Rubache, Ed Bukowski, Lesley Stupeck, bottom row, Veronica Zakrzewski, Amy O'Donnell, Jennifer Potts, Mart Ward, Anne Barnie, Jody Peters, Kristin Birk.



STAGE CREW Back row, Mike Stucky, Matt Stucky, Joe Judge, middle row; Mark Rubacha. Larry Atkins, Mike Tanis, Mr. Ray Weaver, bottom row; sponsor; Gretchen Gasper, Dawn Dunnett, James Lattin.



MOVIE WORKERS: back row, Rebecca Wisinski, Mike Stucky, Matt Stucky, Joe Judge.
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Potts, Chris Hawkins, Jim Latin, Anne Barenie Mr. Ray Weaver, sponsor, front row: Dawn
Dunnett, Lori Day, Tom Bukowski, Regina Haag, Andrea Gonzalez.

Drums, saxaphone, trumpets

Instruments to help create

The Sounds of Music

ave you ever wanted to work and have fun at the same time? If you have then you should think about the band program. Band is an activity made up of concert band and jazz band. Both have big parts in the school. The concert band is everyone as a group and is required to be at concerts and contests. The Pep and marching bands are included in with concert band. Then there is jazz band which is a selected group from the band that wants to play just that, jazz. This is lead by Mr. Noel Cross.

There are different reasons why people enjoy band. Sherry Bragg said, "I like it because my friends are in it and you get in the games free too." Others seem to feel it is relaxing and

the people are fun to associate with.

Some play more than just one instrument. As Bragg said, "I put in a lot of practice and time since I play four different instruments, it does take work." Others like Anne Barenie said, "I only play one instrument but that still takes practice, getting good so you will mix well with the others."

The band is involved with contests such as ISSMA which involves the concert band. There are also individual competitions such as solo and ensemble. These types of contests show ones talent individually. As Barenie said, "It is a challenge playing solo, but being rated by vourself shows how

well you play as a person and not as a group.'

So whether the reason is for relaxation, fun, or socializing, these folks do a good job of performing. It is never just a blow off; time and practice are what make a good band and for this group that is what is most important. They put effort into practicing, performing, and contests and they also sell things to help with certain items they need. If you want to be a part of something exciting, look in the bands direction.

SOUNDS good to me! Senior Aron Schuhrke concentrates on playing his part and hoping it sounds good enough for the classmates. Practice makes perfect in this field.







CONCERT BAND: top row: Stephen Fields, Aron Schubrike, Jason Analesson, Bran Schultze, Bill Markev, De Laux, Chris Swatta, Kim Brooks, David Thompson, Tim Ocean, Tim Gatlin, second row; Andy Lane, Anne Barenie, Jennifer King, Jim Gardine, Eric Mackens, Christopher Gardine, Eric Marker, Christopher Gardine, Eric Marker, Kay Webh, Bobby Peters, Tim Mele, Tim Garvey, Mike Mauch, Joe Dangelo, Kim Polkerson, Jenny Truman, Andy Whoblowski, Guntri row; Chris Doppler, Stacy Goff, Beck; Chandler, Rachael Luptack, Mart Dembowski, Jim Davyer, Valmont Marshall, Dan Dewar, Dan Breedmann, Nick Stur. Mike Stucks, fifth row: Anenirer Cherven, Diane Kendall, Veronica Zalzerwski, Christine Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Alan Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Ann Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Ann Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Ann Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Fisher, Tracy Lafluda, Ann Gugala, Angle Pickarevsk, Anne Sanner, Ron Haskins, Kiristne Lafter, Michael Badele, Man Keller Badele, Sherry Bragg, Melissa Busovsky, Lorrainne Barenie, Alicia Bodeley, Dana Kelderman, Michael Badele, Bana Kelderman, Michael Badele, Bana Kelderman, Michael Badele, Badele Rodle, Badele Badele, Bana Kelderman, Michael Badele, Badele Rodle, Badele Badele, Badel



JAZZ BAND: Top Row: Anne Barenie, Andy Lane, Jenniler King, Kirsten Anderson, second row: Tim Mele, Bobby Peters. Mike Mauch, Kevin Kozuch, Matt Stucky, third row: Chris-Dopplet. Terry Rudzinski, Stacy Goff, Mike Stucky. Nick Stur. Dan Dewar, Dan Broelmann, fourth row; Aron Schuhrke. Tim Dickens, David Thompson.

With a lot of hard work, choir ends the year on a good note!

Hot tunes for choir

hoir!! Singing, warm-ups, concerts, festivals, field trips, and a lot of personal rewards sum it up: ever-popular class. Everybody had their reason for taking choir and everyone got something different out of it. "It took choir because it seemed challenging to learn how to sing the right way, not just like the way you'd sing to the radio or something," said junior Pam Evanantz. Some students also have long-term reasons for taking choir. Junior Josh Pratt said, "I'm taking choir now because I'm majoring in music in college and I want to get a good technique early."

All year students are involved in special programs, festivals, and concerts. For most of the year, choir students work hard to prepare for these special events. A very special event most choir students look forward to is Festival. At the festival concert, a combined group of students from all the choir classes, join choirs from other schools and have an all day "singing party". "After the singing there is a really cool dance." Evanantz said "Festival is one of the things that I like the most about choir, it's a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of new people."

Students also participate in a Fall Concert which contains a wide array of serious music, a Christmas Concert which is a mixture of traditional and non-traditional music, and a Spring Concert which is music of a more popular nature.

Choir is taken very seriously by Mrs. Spejewski and most of her students, it is not just a blow off class. Every day involves a wide variety of activities including a number of different warm up activities designed to help the students think about what they are singing.

The grades in choir are based on several things, class participation is just one part of that, but they also include concerts and testing at the end of every grading period. Trio and quartet testing and written tests are given at the end of each semester.

Senior Craig Cooper senior Mike Raketich senior John Bogner and junior Josh Pratt practice their musi one more time, as they prepare for their next concert.





Festival Choir. Back Row, M. Lake, J. Burks, C. Moriarty, M. Farley, J. Dutcher, B. Christopher, A. Clark, M. Steele M. Lake, Sixth Row, L. Stupeck, C. Sutkowski, K. Marciniak, A. Sanders, O. Doppler, E. Yoways, M. Hernandez A. Dwyer, J. Judge, J. Bogner, J. Murdock, J. Lattin, G. Zakræwski, L. Heindricks, P. Evanantz, T. Braddsm, J. Davis, D. Meyers, J. Farmer, A. Schrooder, T. Kijger, A. Rakeitch, J. Borders, K. McLellan, T. Austin, C. Rockhill, L. Shoulders, T. Butler, C. Mull, C. Cooper, J. Bednar, J. Pratt M. Castillo, J. Burbridge, N. Billingsly, K. Gasper, M. Rakeitch, K. Birk, K. Revome, C. Caldwell, A. O'Donnell C. Rove



Chorale: Back Row; Joe Judge, Matt Lake, Mike Steele, Jeff Burks, Mike Lake, Kris Sutkowski, Sixth Row; Para Braddam, Dave Meyers, Criag Cooper, Jim Borders, John Bogner, Filth Row; Lealie Stupeck, Jayme Davis, Carrie Rockshill, Pamid Austin, Fourth Row; Katrina Gasper, Jennifer Bednar, Michelle Castillo, Kylee McLellan, Third Row; Amy O'Donnell, Mike Raketich, Kristen Birk, Second Row; Kristen Reyom; Christine Roye, Front Row; Josh Patt



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DECA and ICE compete at state and regional levels

WINNERS DO WELL

Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education and Distributive Education Clubs of America, or more commonly known as ICE and DECA. ICE lets students work during school hours. Students who desire to join must take either Career prep or Marketing-Sales during their junior year and the class ICE during their senior year. Before they are considered, teacher evaluations must be completed. These are used to make sure the students will represent the school in a positive way. ICE gives on the job training, application of job skills, and monetary rewards.

"ICE allows students the opportunity to gain work experience and career information, while they are still enrolled

in school," said sponsor Mr. Dick Reyome.

"DECA is a club for students who have taken Career Prep or Marketing. DECA is a very active club. They sell sweet-ograms, decorate a car for the Homecoming parade, and also sponsor the Care Tree. Students, teachers, clubs, and even classes bought needed children presents for Christmas. DECA also competers in regional and state competitions. The competitions involve taking a written test over the concepts and values of marketing. They also involve a series of role playing events. These are designed to test the competitors ability to work with people. This year our chapter of DECA was very successful. Of the thirty-seven participants, eighteen qualified for the state competition. Seven of those won at the state level.

DECA helps students develop leadership, management skills, civic consciousness, job responsibility, and the motivation to excel

DECA has forty-three members. The officers are President Amy O'Donnell, Vice-President Mari Ward, Secretary Janet Hayes, Historian Barbee Gal, and Treasurer Jeni Farmer.

"DECA is one of the best organizations that a student can join. Mr. Reyome has prepared me for the outside world and given me encouragement to always do my best," said senior Amy O'Donnell.

One dollar and seventy-five cents, please. Mr. Reyome sells candy during school to help raise money for DECA. This money helps pay for the trips to competitions.







DECA back row. Dawn Durall. Nicole Duniey. Mark Lesniak, Tom Grisati. John Jacobs. Jim Elliot. Nancy Vrehas. Shellic Tucker Fourth row. Jenninie Scheeringa, Eric Fetch. Jack Feed. Laura Gowardson, Jenni Hamilton, Triena McGine, Tina Kilgore, Sherri Slacenin, Chris Turner, Third row. Becky Cundiff. Craig Hill. Stacy. Goff. Ryan Stansseski, Glenn Duning, Colleen Dangels. Kern Charleston, Karen Huddisson. Second row. Gen Huddleston, Jodi Colleen Dangels. Kern Charleston, Karen Huddisson. Second row. Gen Huddleston, Jodi Revome, Front row: Backer Gunter, Martha Wilsesson, Jeanelle Rev. Wendt. Mares, Kristen Sconnor M. Dick Revome.



Nice Job Eric Semor Eric Fetch and DECA spousor Mr Dick Reyome look at a medal won a the state competition. Eric won two medals and two plaques. He also placed fifth in the state. The state competition was held in Indianapolis on Perusury 23-25.



The state winners are back row Amy O'Donnel Gen Huddleston, Wendy Mares. Second row. Colleen Dangelo, Eric Fetch, Ryan Davis, Becky Cundiff, Front row Mr. Dick Reyome.

Hot Looks

A population of 588 diverse students coming together for the high school experience make up our People

Stereotypes. Every school has them. There are jocks, stoners, preps, and nerds. Whether or not you choose to put yourself or others into one of these groups is your choice but most likely, someone out there has already classified you.

Why do we have these groups? How do they come about? Most people are put into these different groups by what people they have as friends and by what activities they are in at school. A student who is on the football, baseball, and basketball team is usually put into a different category than someone who is involved in Honor Society, Student Council, and participates in many of the academic competitions.

Often people are stereotyped by the different music that they choose to listen to. A person who listens to heavy metal is categorized differently than a person who listens to Debbie Gibson.

A student who is very active in school activities is labeled differently than one who just goes to school and chooses not to become involved with any extracurricular activities.

Although there are many different stereotypes and stereotyping goes on every day, when it comes down to it, stereotyping is useless. It doesn't get a person anywhere and no one is any better than anyone else.

"Jocks" are no better than "preps" and "stoners" are no better than "nerds".

While most schools have their share of stereotyping, there is also a different side to it. At Griffith High School, it is not uncommon to have a person on the volleyball team involved in the Student Council. Many of the students involved in the different clubs and different sports also maintain high grades.

Why do people label others? There are many different reasons. The way a person dresses has a lot to do with it. While many like to keep up with the latest styles, others are just as happy wearing tshirts and jeans every day.

The friends a person has also plays a part. A person who is friends with strictly athletes will probably be classified differently than one who is friends with people who concentrate strictly on studies.

Despite the classification of a person, everyone is equal. At G.H.S., it seems that the different "types" of people blend well. Even in groups of close friends, it is easy to find people with different personalities and interests.

Sophomores Jim Bogner, Eric Schreiber, and Bill Junkin line up against the lockers during a practice fire drill. Periodically throughout the school year, the administration sets off the fire alarm or calls a practice tornado drill so students will be prepared in case of a real emergency.



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hot hot People

Annoyed teachers reveal pet peeves

"I absolutely hate it when students line up at the door before the bell rings," said Mrs. Kay Orzechhowicz. "I also hate it when a student starts taking when I already am. It really tests on my nerves and I hate it and I let my students know that every day."

Contrary to the belief of most students, teachers also have pet peeves. They are not immune to them.

Quite a few teachers set up their own class rules for students.

Mr. Richard Anderson, President; Mr. John Galambos, First Vice President; Mr. Claude V. Hochstetler, Second Vice President; Mr. Mervyn Barenie, Secretary, Mr. Frank G. Hanak, Asst. Secretary.

Mr. Bartel C. Zandstra, School Attorney; Mr. Robert Kurtz, Superintendent; Mr. William Gall, Asst. Superintendent; Mrs. Sarah S. Cundiff, Treasurer; Mr. Samuel Cox, Principal.

Mr. David Smith, Vice Principal; Mr. Jim Bartlett, Athletic Director; Mrs. Sandra Beahm, General Biology; Mr. Howard F. Besch, Physicsm Chemistry, Department Chairperson; Mr. William Birk, Economics.

Mrs. Sue Brown, Sr. High Secretary; Mr. Darryl Carstensen, Geometry, Junior Class Sponsor, Girls J.V. Basketball Coach. Mrs. Teresa Cartensen, Math for Daily Living; Mr. Noel Cross, Band; Department Chairperson; Mr. Carl Dalton, Psychology, Sociology, Department Chairperson. Some are handed out on paper, others post them up in the class and others relay their rules to the students on the first day of class. The teachers that do set up rules do this in order to possibly avoid their pet peeves.

Mr. Charles Ricks' pet peeve is "when anyone swears in class, or for that matter I hate it when anyone swears at anyone."

Mrs. Sharon Smith said,
"My biggest pet peeve
would have be when a
student comes into class

and asks 'Do we have a quiz today? I forgot to read the chapter. Can we take it tomorrow?' when that there has been a quiz scheduled."

M hen it comes to picking a nexeptionally annoying pet peeve, same teachers had trouble picking a certain one. Not to get the teachers wrong, they so like their students and they do like teaching, but it's a basic fact that everyone has a net peeve.

"I dislike it when a student openly defies me. That's when a student openly says I will not do this or that," said Mr. Carl Dalton.

Some of the most obvious and annoying pet peeve that teachers seen to have include eating in class, passing notes, and being rowdy. Mr. Bob Hastings said that this was his pet peeve. "When students ask for their grades a week before the end of the grading period, then they want to know if there is any way to bring it up."





Passing notes was voted one of the teachers most annoying pet peeves. Junior Jill Burbridge and a friend pass a note and hope they don't get caught.

Standing room only. Waiting in front of the classroom door before the bell rings just happens to be Mrs. Orzechowitz's known pet peeve.











Mrs. Barbara Deleget, Computer Programming, Ess. of Mathematics Mr. Ronald Divjak, Health; Mrs. Susie El Naggar, Algebra, Analytic Geometry, Trigonometry. Miss Charlotte Fedorchak, Spanish.













Mr. Tim Foss, Computer Literacy Mrs. Iona Glassford, Child Development; Mr. Joe Glassford, Power Mechanics, Mr. Jerry Gurrado, U.S. History, Government, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, Girls' Varsity Softhall Coach.









Mr. Bob Hastings, World History, U.S. History, Boys' J.V. Basketball Coach: Ms. Lawrene Hawthorne, Media Specialist; Mrs. Lynn Heller Guidance Counselor; Mrs. Jean Herd, Library Asst.;







Mrs. Janet Howell, Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Margie Keithley, Clothing, Adult Prep. Department Chairperson, Mrs. Janet Konoposek, Attendence Supervisor.

Nobody knows the formaldehyde I've seen. Dissecting fetal pigs is a major assignment to the advanced biology classes.

Flying away! Mr. Glassford's class learns to build kites that they will eventually fly.





Mr. Dick Koval, accounting, business math, department chairperson; Mrs. Clara Lazar, guidance secretary; Miss Julie Marcinek, journalism, Reflector, Panther Press, basic English, Quill and Scroll sponsor, cheerleading sponsor; Mrs. Claudia McGuire, foods; Mrs. Margaret McNabney, keyboarding, career prec.

Mrs. Nicole Miklusak, nurse; Mr. L.E. Owen, basic and general world history; Mrs. Susan Patricks, sophomore and basic English, beginning and practical composition; Mrs. Kyra Perry, typing, office procedure; Mrs. Joyce Petska, basic biology.

Mr. Wayne Price, typing, keyboarding, Mr. Donald Ray, government, U.S. history, acad decathalon coach; Mr. Richard Reyome, career prep, marketing, ICE/DECA sponsor, footballasst/coach; Mr. Charles Ricks, dept. chair, drawing and painting, art appreciation; Mrs. Sharon Smith, basic, advanced sophomore English, American novel, dept. chair, soph. class sponsor.

Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, choir, music theory, NHS sponsor; Mr. Gerry Spejewski, grammar, speech, general lit, advanced composition, sophomore English; Mrs. Judy Surovek, contemporary lit, advanced composition, sophomore English, academic decathalon coach; Mrs. Julie Turner, secretary; Mrs. Sheila Vaclavik, sophomore English, beginning composition.

Mrs. Nancy Weaver, audio visual secretary; Mr. Ray Weaver, Spanish, assistant drama coach, movie sponsor; Miss Betty Weber, French, department chairperson; Mr. Robert Witt, ceramics, arts and crafts, jewelry.



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Changing plans for changing needs

Being a teacher, you go to school to teach, but teaching is not always that easy. You need to jazz up your curriculum or you will lose your entire class to sleep and boredom. What do you do?

In Mrs. Margie Keithley's Preparation for Adult Living, many activities are done in order to help the students better understand the situations proposed to

For example, what is it like to actually take care of your own infant? Mrs. Keithly proposed this question to her class and although they did not find out first hand, Mrs.

Keithley made it as fun and educating as possible.

Instead of using real infants, they were substituted for plants. The class was required to take care of their own plant for a period of nine weeks in which, according to senior Luci Bapst, "We had to bring it in every Friday, name it, do a report on it, and I, because mine died. had to write an explanation on how to be a good mother. Also, at the end of the year, we got awards like green thumb, best mom and dad, and a special black thumb award because mine died.

One other question Mrs.

Keithly proposed was what it would be like to be an invalid?

Students spent a class period feeling what it. would possibly be like to be one. Some could not see. others could not walk without the aid of a walker. and vet others were confined to a wheelchair. Senior Eric Fetch said. "It was harder than it looked; I was in a wheelchair and no one could help me at first. I guess you never really realize how hard and agonizing a situation like that really is until you or someone you care about is put into it."

Finding someone

dissecting a pig in
Advanced Biology was not
uncommon at all. It showed
the students a better and
closer view of the internal
organs and the students
performed the dissections
themselves and at times
they even had to bring the
pigs home to work on
them. Senior Ron Dunnett
said, "Bringing home the
pig and grossing out my
mom was the best part."



Senior Eric Festch tries to get across the breezeway during Adult prep class. This was to show the students how disabled people feel.

Catching Rays

Going to the beach, laying out at home or going to the tanning salon, GHS students get TAN

There are brown bodies running around all year 'round. How do people get so tan? Do they go to

"I tanned because I was going on vacation ... I wanted to fit in rather than be whiter than everyone else."

Mike Beasley

Mike Beasley

Torinda all the time? The answer is no. During the winter months, tanning beds are often used

to get that tan.
In the summer, many
different ways are used.
Laying out, swimming in
the back yard or beach,
doing any athletic event

the back yard or beach, doing any athletic event outdoors, washing a car and many others are some common ways of tanning. "I tanned because I

was going on vacation down south and I wanted to fit in rather than be whiter than everyone else," explained senior Michael Beasley.

Going away on vacations encourages many to get their tans started. Senior Mary Tingley said, "I tanned because I went to San

Alright, I'll fill this out. Senior Kathy Lach fills out her tanning card before she starts to tan. Many places require that you fill one out. Diego for vacation and I didn't want to get sunburned while I was there. The rest of my tanning sessions are going towards prom."

Many people concentrate on their physical appearance and that includes the color of their body.

"It's the look. It makes you look better and it improves your appearance so you don't look so pale," said Beasley.

Tingley agreed, "I think it looks nice. I don't think it's bad if you aren't tan, but either way it's alright."

Junior Chris Swatts said, "I think it looks good and I tan easily. I don't want to be white like everyone else." Senior Veronica

Zakrzewski explained, "I tan so I can bring out the natural dark tones that I have. I like the California look."

With current technology and scientific

results, many people are becoming aware of the risks to their health. Cancer is the biggest health concern of present tanners. Tingley said, "If you go tanning throughout the whole year with both natural sun and artificial sun, it's had because it doubles your chances of getting cancer."

Zakrzewski agreed, "I always wear tanning lotion and sun block over it, but I know there is still a risk."

Even though people know about the risks, they still tan. Beasley said, "I don't think about it." Zakrzewski explained, "I like the way it looks on me. I'd rather be dark than pale. I can't avoid it anyway, because I tan so easily."

Tanning starts with being exposed to the sun. Senior Julie Lator gets her tan started for the summer.

All set and ready to tan.





Which one suits me best? Junior Jenny Seberger looks over the many choices. A good lotion depends on how you tan.

It's lunchtime! Let's go and lay out! Juniors Jen Bubala and Jen Bishop use their lunch hour to catch some rays.





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Darin Allen Anderson, Track 11, Swimming 10-12 (capt. 11,12), National Honor Society 12, Varsity Chub 11,12, Student Council 11,12 Charis Anderson, Tamie Sue Austin, Volleyhall 10,11, Booster Chub 10, Concert Choir 11, Giris Chorus 10, Chorale 12, Girls Ensemble 10-12, Lucille Helena Bapet Movie Workers 10.

Matthew Alan Barrett Baskethall 10:12, Soccer 10:12, Varnity Clib 1,11, 2, All Conference Honorable Mention. Katherina Ann Baaler Track 11:12, Booter Chib 10, Girls Choir 10 Michael Joseph Beaaley Cross Country 10, Swimming 10, Band 10, Dramatics 10,11, Bowling Club 10:12, Donter Chib 10:12, Conference Bednar Basketball 10, Volleyball 10:12, Softball 10:12, Booter Chib 10:12, Concrt Choir 11 (vice-pres), Executive Council 10:12, Varsity Club 10:

Kristin Birk Turnabout Court, Pantherettes 10-12, National Honor Society, Student Council, John Michael Bogner Football 10-12, Wrestling 10-12, Baseball 10-12, Concert Choir 10, Dramatics 11, Football Specialty Star, Wrestling Best Mental Attitude Jason T. Bowman Dramatics 11 Dan Boyd

Tera Lynn Braddam Basketball 10,11 (manager) Lawrence Emett Brooks Bowling Club 12 Thomas Bukowskil Track 11,12, Bowling Club 11,12 (vice-president) Jeffrey Thomas Burks Basketball 10-12, Football 10-12, Track 12, Concert Choir 10, Chorsle 11,12, Varsity Club 10-12, Academic All-Conference

Stephanie Butner, Ann M. Cannon Volleyball 10,11, Band 10-12, Band workshop 10, Most Improved Volleyball 1987, Michelle Frances Castillo Banketball 10-12, Volleyball 10-12, Booster Club 11,12, Girls Choir 10, Girls Chorus 11, Chorale 12, Varsity Club 11,12, Homecoming Queen Candidate Olga Carares



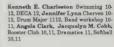
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Craig Michael Cooper Concert Choir 10, Boys Choir 11, Chorale 12 Laura Dale Covarrubias Volleyball 10,11, DECA 11,12 Bill Cox, Rebecca Cundiff

What "senior" means to me..

Do you remember when you were in grade school? Do you remember what you thought of seniors. Here is what some youngsters from the Griffith area grade schools think: "They are very smart. They are

Abby Greco
"All seniors drive around the school, act bad and beat up people."

Kyle Massa "I go to the movies at the high school and see lots of seniors. They are cool and I think Indiana Jones is cute and so do the senior girls."

"Senior girls are beautiful. They get to go out with boys and go to prom and dress up and when they do they look like Cinderella."

"They are big."

Cortney Shropshire

"They are cool dudes."

Jason Kikkert

"I think seniors are stupid because they smoke and take drugs."

Justin Falk

"They dress cool."

Diana Ballas

"The girls are cheerleaders and the boys are football players, all of them." Kyle Alexander

"There are three types of seniors. There are girls, boys and nerds. The nerds have their mommies drive them to school. They are not cool."

Jimmy Apps
"Seniors party, don't do their homework and eat pizza."

Kristin Collins
"I can't wait to be a senior. I'm going
to be the class of 2000. My mom and me

to be the class of 2000. My mom and me think that is really cool." Lisa Hartman "My brother is a senior and I love

Sarah Meyer

Senior Craig Cooper reads to Lisa Hartman and Tim Krebs, second graders who will graduate in 2000.



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Patrick Czaban, Colleen Marie Dangelo Band 10, Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10-12 (capt. 12), DECA 12, Executive Council 1-12, Student Council 10, Reflector Student Life Editor 12, Garry Darenski, Jayme Marie Davis Basket-ball 10-12, Volleyball 10-12, Schball 10-12, Chibball 10-12, Girls Choir 10,11, Chorale 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Turnabout Princess 10, Prom Court 11, Homecoming Court 12

Ryan Michael Davis Wrestling 10-12 (capt.), Soccer 10-12, DECA 12, Prom King, Turnabout Candidate Lord Day, Eric Michael Dec Cross Country 11, Soccer 10-12, National Honor Society 11,12 Varnity Club 11,12 Dan Raleigh Dewar Golf 10,11, Swimming 10-12 (capt.), Band 10-12, National Honor Society 10-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Hoosier Scholarshio Awer 10-12, Hoosier 10-

Kristopher Dills Track 10.11. Cross Country 10.11 Christopher Robin Doppler Band 10-12 Marcells J. Dresbaugh Tennis 10, Booter 11.12, Girls Choir 10, National Honor Society 10-12, Student Council 10, Movie Worker 10-12 Who's Who Dawnmarie Thorese Dunnett Booter Club 10, Dramatics 10-12, Bowling Club 11, Reflect 11.12 (Organizations Editor 11, People Editor 12) Movie Worker 10-12

Raymond Glenn Dunning, Dawn M. Durall Swimming 10, DECA 11,12 James Robert Elliot Track 10, DECA 12 Jennifer Suzanne Farmer Booster Club 10, Concert Choir 12, DECA 12

Eric E. Fetsch DECA 12, Matthew Ernest Finger Track 11, Varsity Club 11 Jack M. Ford DECA 11 Christopher Allan Foss Baseball 10-12, Football 11



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Barbara J. Gal Track 10,11, Wrestling Manager, 10-12, Booster Lub 10-12, Varsity Club 12, DECA 12 Tim John Galambos Tennis 11,12, Baseball 10, 11 Raymond Matt Galocy Tennis 11,12 Soccer 10, 11. Executive

Bose 11, 12, Baseball 10, 11 Raymond Matt Galocy Tennis 11,12 Soccer 10, 11, Executive Council 11, Varsity Club 12, Student Council 12, Reflector 11,12 Katrina Grace Gas-

Steve Gehring, Richard Gillespie, Stacy Allen Goff Band 10-12, DECA 12 Frances Gomez Booster Club 12, Student Council 10, Cheerleader 10, 12

Senioritis epidemic hits

Every year it happens. The weather gets warmer and the sun starts to shine and then . . . senioritis strikes!

Seniors become anxious, restless, and their positive attitudes toward school seem senseless. Some severe cases of this may cause a student to take off school for reasons unknown.

For some students, senioritis may come right after spring break, for others it may start in August.

Senioritis is a disease not of the body, but of the mind. This disease eats away at a person's rational thinking. They begin to stay out late, rebel against almost everything and sleep in class. They begin to daydream, forget about their homework and take less and less homework home, and they get to school later and later.

Their minds get off of school and they begin thinking about parties, beaches, colleges, and graduation. Senioritis is coasting. Coasting is

fun, most of the time. The only problem is that when you coast, you can only go downhill. Most of the time this shows up on report cards.

Senior Ryan Davis said, "My senioritis started in fifth grade. I never did anything for school. Seriously, I can't remember doing homework within the last three years."

Senior Mike Steele said, "Senioritis, for me started my freshman year. I never took my homework home and if I did, I never did it."

Senior Jim Elliot said, "Last year right after junior year ended is when senioritis hit me. I really started to get lazy. I started coming to school late and sleeping through school. All I could think about is going to the beach."

Senior Luci Bapst said, "It started in my junior year, but now I have it really bad. In the morning I don't want to get out of bed. When I do and finally come to school I am forever looking at the clock."

Senior Mark Lesniak is displaying one of the most common symptoms of senioritis, daydreaming.



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Andrea Louise Gonzalez Booster Chub 10, Movie Worker 11,12 Carl Grin, Tom Grisafi, Liaa Janeen Grubbs Basketball 10, Football Manager 11,12, Track Manager 12, Booster Chub 12, Varsity Chub 11,12, Relicot 11 (Sports Editor)



Brian Guevara, Sheri Gunter, Regina Rose Haag Track 11,12, Swimming 10-12, Varsity Club 12, Christine Haas

Working on excuses



So you are late. You run into the classroom just as the bell rings. Perhaps you already have one too many tardies and you definately do not need this one, so what do you say?

Besides having a tardy, you had homework the night before and yet do not have it with you now when it is time to turn it in. Perhaps you forgot it or just did not do it, so you try to think for an excuse fast. The teacher asks why you do not have it, what do you say?

This has happened to almost everyone at one time or another. After all of the many years of using excuses, seniors are still using them.

Some excuses are more creative than others, but no matter how great or medicore the level of creativity is, they, according to seniors who are, as they say 'pros' at it sure do help soften the blow of getting in trouble. So just what are some of these excuses? Here are just a few from seniors.

Senior Tim Galambos rushes into school with an excuse to get out of a tardy, hoping it will be convincing enough to receive a slip. "Sometimes I used the old one about my dog ate it but after a while the teachers know them all anyway so what is the point in it?" said Doug Lovin.

As Terry Rudzinski said "The one excuse about going to my Grandmother's house and leaving it there or for that matter anybody's house works. It has always worked too."

Anything can be passed off most of the time. The excuse just has to be convincing enough. Lisa Grubbs said, "Saying you can't get your locker open and that you forgot your combination always works for tardies, or your locker is so messy that you can not find your homework is good."

Gregg McCauley said, "I have said that I was talking to a teacher and if you don't believe me I can get a pass, really I will. That always sounds real convincing for tardies."

There are so many excuses that have been used. For those that still have a year or more left to go, there won't be any excuses for getting in trouble after hearing other student's excuses.

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Chris Hawkins, Panther Press 11, 12 (Circulation Manager 1), Editor-in-Chief 129, Quill and Scroll 11, 2 (Secretary 12), Honor Society, Student Council 10, 11, Class Council 10, 11, Class Council 10, 11, SADD 11, Movie Worker 11, 12, Academic Competitions 10, 11, 12 Janet Hayes, Laura Lynne Heinriche Basteball 10-12, Track 11, 12, Tennis 10, Volleyball 11, 12, Concert Choir 11, 12, Girls Ensemble 10-12, Dramatics 10-12, National Honor Society 10-12 Jason Hendrix

Christine Henman, Terry Henney, Craig Richard Hill DECA 12, Jennifer S. Hjertquist Booster Club 10, Dramatics 10

Todd Hoot, Genny Michelle Huddleston, track manager 11, 12, Booster Club 10-12, Cheerleader 10, 11, DECA 12, Executive Council 12, student council 12, Prom Court, Homecoming Queen; Karen Huddleston, John Edward Jacobs DECA 11, 12

Kristina Renee James Booster Club 10, Girls Choir 10-12 Scott Jennings, Michelle Marie Jones Booster Club 10-12, Concert Choir 12, Dramatics 10-12, Pantherettes (Squad Leader), Prom Court, Turnabout Court, Homecoming Court, Who's Who Gene Jordan

Michael Jovanovich Basketball 10-12, Varsity Club 10-12, Turnabout Court Diane Frances Kendall Basketball 10, Track 10-12 (capt.), Cross Country 11, Band 10-12 (sept.), Cross Country 11, Band 10-12 (sec.), Dramatics 10, Varsity Club 12, Bowling Club 11, 12, Reflector 12, (Asst. Sporta Editor), Who's Who Ken Krick, Chad Krooswyk

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Brian Kuss, Katherine Lach, Joseph Last

Julianna Lator Track 11,12, Cross Country 12, Varsity Club 12, Alanna Laughlin, Mark Lesniak, Troy Lolkema

Raquel Lopez, Swimming 12, Tennis 12, Foreign Exchange Student 1990,(Mexico), Doug Lovin, Wendy Lee Maree Track 10-12, Cheerleader 10, DECA 12, Varsity Club 10-12, Pantherettes 11,12 Bill Markve

Michael J. Mauch Football 10-12, Track 11,12, Band 10-12 Monica Lee McCabe, Gregory Donald McCauley Football 10, Golf 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, Student Council 11,12 Varsity Club 12, Patricia Elizabeth McGuire Basketball 10,11, Volleyball 10-12, Booster Club 10-12, DECA 12, Varsity Club 10-12

Kylee Catheryn McLallan Booster Club 10-12, Prom Queen, Homecoming Court, Cheerleader 10-12 (capt. 12), National Honor Society Brian Measurer, Deborah Marie Miller Booster Club 10,11, Tennis 10, National Honor Society 10-12, Bowling Club 11,12 Lisa Ann Morris Girls Choir 10, DECA Lisa Ann Morris Girls Choir 10, DECA 11, Reflector 12



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Pamela-Jean Muha Tennis 10-12, Bootter Club 10-12, Executive Council 10, 12 National Honor Society 10-12, Varnity Club 10-12, Student Council 10, 12 Turnabul 10-12, Student Council 10, 12 Turnabul Court, Girls State Alternate Lian Marie Mullinix Swimming 10, 11, Band 10, Bootter Club 10, Jennifer Murrian Damion Hector Navarro Wrestling 10-12

Terry Netos Panther Press 12 (News Editor), Quill and Scroll 12, Roys State Delegate, Academic Competitions 11,12 Amy O'Donnell, Gina Ortin, Mark Richard Osmulaki Varsity Basketball 9,10,11,12 (WP) 12], Academic All Conference 11,12, All Conference 11,12 (Passeball 10,11), Booster Club 10-12, Varsity (Dub 10-12 (Sec. 12), Quill and Scroll 11,12 (Press 12), Student Council 10-12, Panther Press 10-12 (Sports Editor 12), Turnabout Prince, Prom Court, Homecoming Court

Wishing for changes

When we think of graduation, we usually think of "happy-go-lucky" seniors. However, this year there have been a lot of complaints. These complaints consists of high prices, rule agreements, and breaking the tradition of the Sunday ceremony.

Senior Janet Hayes said, "I feel that it's pretty stupid because some people have relatives coming in from out of state and it just ruins everything.

Senior Darin Anderson said, "I feel that the prices we have to pay are to high I also hate all the forms that we have to sign.

A few seniors feel that the agreement rules are not fair.

Senior Leela Tauber said, "I think the prices are way too high. Graduation is suppose to be special, but it's so expensive that your parents are constantly nagging on you about the cost, when all you're getting are the necessities. I also feel that the rules are rediculous. It's taking away all the excitement of graduation. Some people don't even want to go."

Although some students feel the rules are unfair, others believe they are for the good of the school.
Senior Tom Grisafi said, "I think
the prices for most of the graduation
stuff are fair. I also feel that the
rules are fair. It saves the staff and
the parents a lot of embarrassment."

Senior Jim Elliot said, "Most of the graduation rules are fair but I feel that they should have given us another company to choose from in getting our graduation stuff. I think that would cut down on the prices. I believe that the rules are fair. I think we should still be able to bring water guns."

Senior Laura Raybuck said, "I think the rules are partially acceptable but I think that we're mature enough to wear what we want to."

Most of these seniors feel that these rules make them feel not like a senior but, like a first grader.

Senior Olga Cazares is waiting to get her senior announcements. Many seniors dred going through this process



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Tina Marie Patrick Band 10-12, Booster Club 10, Tina Pena, Kelley Perez, Bobbie Peters

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Eric Richeke, Monica Sharon Rocha, Carey Rockhill Sofball Jo 12, Girls Chori 10, Girls Chorus 11, Chorale 12, Dramatics 11, Varsity Club Jo, Second Team All-Conference Sofball Namette M. Rodell Booster Club 10-12, Reflector 12 (Academics Editor 12). Wrestling Manager 10, 11

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Rick R. Roye National Honor Society Mark Rubacha, Lori Leigh Russell Girls Chorus 10, Girls Ensemble 11, Executive Council 10-12, National Honor Society 10-12, Quill and Scroll 11,12, Student Council 10, 12, Reflector 10-12 (Editor-in-Chief 12, Design Editor 11), Girls State Delegate 12 Don Ryzewski

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Senioritis epidemic hits

Every year it happens. The weather gets warmer and the sun starts to shine and then . . . senioritis strikes!

Seniors become anxious, restless, and their positive attitudes toward school seem senseless. Some severe cases of this may cause a student to take off school for reasons unknown.

take off school for reasons unknown For some students, senioritis may come right after spring break, for others it may start in August.

Senioritis is a disease not of the body, but of the mind. This disease eats away at a person's rational thinking. They begin to stay out late, rebel against almost everything and sleep in class. They begin to daydream, forget about their homework and take less and less homework home, and they get to school later and later.

Their minds get off of school and they begin thinking about parties, beaches, colleges, and graduation.

Senioritis is coasting. Coasting is fun, most of the time. The only problem is that when you coast, you can only go downhill. Most of the time this shows up on report cards.

Senior Ryan Davis said, "My

senioritis started in fifth grade. I never did anything for school. Seriously, I can't remember doing homework within the last three years."

Senior Mike Steele said, "Senioritis, for me started my freshman year. I never took my homework home and if I did, I never did it."

Senior Jim Elliot said, "Last year right after junior year ended is when senioritis hit me. I really started to get lazy. I started coming to school late and sleeping through school. All I could think about is going to the beach."

Senior Luci Bapst said, "It started in my junior year, but now I have it really bad. In the morning I don't want to get out of bed. When I do and finally come to school I am forever looking at the clock."

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Jeanine Scheeringa, Aron Schuhrke, Lisa Marie Segally Booster Club 10-12, National Honor Society 11,12, Student Coucil 10, Pantherettes 11,12, Eric Senfiner

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Eric Smith, Steve Spitz, Ryan Stanizcaki Fotball 10:12, Baschall 10:12 (capt. 12), Booster Chub 10:12, DECA 11,12, Excentive Council 12, Varsity (Jub 10:12, Student Council President 12, Prom Cour, Fotball Honorable Mention All-Conference, Second Team All-Conference, All-American All Conference, Basschall Best Pitcher, Best Defensive Player Mike Jersmy Steele Soczer 10:12, Booster Club 10:12, Concert Choir 10, Chorsle 11,12, Varsity Club 10:12

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Brian Christopher Sweeney Swimming 10,11 Scott Lee Tapley Vocational Education Club, Leela Marie Tauber Girls Choir 10, DECA 12, Monica Lynn Taylor Boys Basketball Manager 10,11, Booster Club 11



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Stevan Trivunovic Basketball 10, Football 10-12, Baseball 10-12, Booster Club 12, Executive Council 12, Varsity Club 12, Student Council 12, Turnabout Court, Prom Court, Homecoming King, Chris A. Turner Track 10, 11, Swimming 10, SADD, Mari Ward, Chris Vestal

Memories of final year

According to Webster's Dictionary memory is the mental faculty of retaining and recalling past experiences. When seniors look back on their senior year they will be there. Memories, both good and bad will linger in their minds of that final year of High School.

"When I look back on my senior year, I hope that along with the bad memories I will be able to remember the good ones," said senior Eric Smith

When some seniors look back to the 1989-90 school year the most memorable things are the times when they had a chance to accomplish new things. "The one thing I will remember about my senior year is the Deca Competition because it was fun and I learned a lot," said senior Amy O'Donnell.

"I was so excited about making the all state choir for school that I think I will never forget it," said Kris Sutkowski.

Friends played a large role in the

lives of many of this year's seniors.
"I hope that when I take a look
back to my senior year that I will be
shle to remember the fun times I

had with my friends", said senior Mary Ward.

"I think that I will never forget the fun time I had with my friends on Spring Break in Florida," said senior Darin Anderson.

Even though the good times will always be in the memory of the class of '90, bad or embarrassing times will also.

"I don't think I could ever forget the time when I gave my speech in speech class on Cherry Jubilee Crapes and I could not get the alcohol to catch on fire," said senior Kim Dowdell.

"When I messed up my knee in football and was not able to finish my senior season will never leave my mind." said senior John Bogner.

These are just a few events of what some seniors will remember about their final year in high school but maybe some seniors will try to keep those special times a part of your memory.

Seniors Diane Kendall and Mary Tingley laugh together before going to class. Friends are special to some seniors.



Senior Ryan Staniszeski displays his legs that won as he stops at his locker between classes.

Jamming through the night, Michelle Castillo, senior, keeps her title as the best female dancer.





Raymond L. Webb, Band, 10-12, Deena Louise Wesolowaki, Dramatics, 10,Pantherettes, 10-11, Squad Leader, Pantherette Workshop,10-11, Brian Darrell Weyhe, Basketball, 12, Tennis, 10-12, (captain, 12), Varrsity Club, 12, All-Conference Tennis First Team, Team M.V.P., Jody Lynnette Whitaker/Reitz





























Senior superlatives

Most Unique F. Reginia Haag, Dawn Dunnett M. David Thompson, Craig Cooper Most Likely To Succeed F. Kristin Birk, Christine Roye

M. Todd Hoot, Matt Lake Most Involved F. Kylee McLellan, Kristin Birk

M. Todd Hoot, Ryan Staniszeski Most School Spirit F. Carey Rockhill, Kristen Reyome

M. Mike Steele, Steve Trivunovic Smartest F. Olga Cazares, Debbie Miller

M. Matt Lake, Rick Rove Biggest Brown Nose F. Christine Roye, Lori Russell

M. Gregg McCauley (unanimous) Prettiest Hair F. Frances Gomez, Jen Stokes

M. Chris Vestal, Frank Sainato Prettiest Smile

F. Kylee McLellan, Jennifer Farmer M. Frank Sainato, Chris Foss

Prettiest Eves

F. Jennifer Farmer, Kylee McLellan

M. Rvan Davis, John Bogner

Funniest.

F. Laura Heinrichs, Javme Davis M. John Bogner, Gene Jordan

F. Genny Huddleston, Wendy Mares M. Steve Trivunovic, Brian Guevara Best Personality F. Genny Huddleston, Laura

Heinrichs

M. Steve Trivunovic, Mark Osmulski Rowdiest

F. Fran Romano, Janet Hayes M. Bill Cox, Matt Barrett Cutest Laugh

F. Mary Tingley, Wendy Mares M. Greg Row, Jack Ford Class Flirt

F. Christine Rove, Karen Huddleston M. Mike Raketich, Bill Cox Best Dancer

F. Michelle Castillo, Katrina Gasper M. Mike Raketich, Matt Galocy Biggest Partier

F. Pam Muha, Jenni Hamilton M. Skip Jones, Joe Sainato Biggest Gossip F. Kristen Reyome, Kelly Perez

M. Dan Boyd, Todd Larson

M= male, F= female Second name indicates runner-up.

Best Dressed F. Tina Pena, Leslev Stupeck

M. Tim Galambos, Brian Guevara Best Athlete F. Michelle Castillo, Jen Bednar M. Joe Sainato, Jeff Burks

Best Legs F. Frances Gomez, Pam Wiltfong M. Ryan Staniszeski, Steve Spitz Best Body

F. Tina Pena, Jayme Davis M. Greg Row, Joe Sainato Cutest Couple F. Michelle Jones, Jayme Davis

M. Ryan Staniszeski, Mark Osmulski F. Wendy Mares, Pam Wiltfong

M. Chris Foss, Ryan Davis Most Trusting F. Jen Bednar, Lisa Segally

M. Matt Lake, Brian Guevara Best Artist

F. Olga Cazares, Sheri Slacinan M. Brian Messmer, Thomas Caroc Most Musically Inclined

F. Kris Sutkowski, Bobbie Peters M. Aron Schuhrke, David Thompson





Come on, you can trust me! Senior Matt Lake shows his driving ability and trustfulness by giving people rides home.

Pumping it up, senior Greg Row works out to get the best bod possible. He was the winner for best body and cutest laugh.

Dating

Seniors, underclassmen The dating goes on

Walking down the hallways, one may see couples holding hands, waiting for each other,

"Sometimes people younger

for their age and it's alright,"

than you are more mature

said senior Angie Neal.

and talking. Some of these couples consist of a senior and

an underclassman. This kind of dating has been going on

since before time, and is still here.

Meeting people from a different grade is the first step. Senior Ken Charleston said, "We met at the Winter Sports Banquet and we started talking," Senior Scott Tapley explained, "LeeAnne (Tucker, junior) started to hang around my friends and I liked her, so we started going out." Senior Dan Dewar explained, "Our first date was when my friends and Kim's (Fulkerson, sophomore) friends met together at Casanova's. We danced and then I asked her out.'

Senior Lisa Grubbs and junior Aaron Adlesberger discuss plans together for the weekend. Planning ahead ensures that you can see each other. Senior Joe Last said, "One night we were supposed to go to the movies with a big group of people, but they all cancelled out except Tracy (LaBuda, sophomore) and so we went together. We had lots of fun and we went out again, and now we've been going together for about six weeks."

Just being here at school can get you a date. Senior Angie Neal said, "Jeff (Ferguson, junior) and I had two classes together and we became friends and then we started seeing each other."

Once that first step is taken, things go their own way. Sometimes parents don't approve because of their age differences. "Charleston said, "Since I'm a senior, Sara's (Krooswyk, freshman) parents weren't too sure about me. They wanted to get to know me first."

Peers are a big part of the dating pressures. While a lot of people think it's no big deal, some may. Sometimes friends really do care but don't let on. Some don't mind but love to tease. Charleston said, "At first my friends laughed at me, but after they got to know her, they were cool about it."

Last said, "My friends just tease me about it. It's no big deal, but they do it." Neal explained, "My friends tease me all the time. They say that I'm robbing the cradle, but I know they are just kidding."

For many people, dating someone younger is no big deal. Maybe that's the reason why it's so common. Neal commented, "Sometimes people younger than you are more mature for their age and it's alright."

Wait, come back here! Senior Ryan Davis stops his girlfriend, sophomore Korey Hrdina, to talk to her before she decides to walk away.









As soon as you get ready, we can go home. Senior Angie Neal and junior Jeff Furguson are just one of the couples that don't care about age differences.

Hurry and get what you need so I'm not late to class. Senior Chris Foss and sophomore Jenny Clark have established a system so they can see each other between classes.

Culture Exchange

students seek a learning experience through people, classes and fun

Every year Griffith opens it's doors to one or more very special people. This fall, three foreign exchange students began

"I feel that people are very

people in Finland are much

Raquel Lopez

open and outgoing here...

more quiet and shy..

their senior year here. Thomas Caroc of Denmark, Jan Lepisto of Finland, and Raquel Lopez of Mexico.

Being a foreign exchange student is fairly common in all three of these countries. It is talked about a lot and is open to almost anyone. Basically, if you can speak English, you can be an exchange student. "Being an exchange student is very common in Finland. Last year Finland had the most exchange students of any other country." said Jan Lepisto.

Once an exchange student arrives in America, they are greeted by their "host" family. Host families agree to sponsor a foreign student so they can spend their senior year studying in an American school. The families pay the expenses of the student. Sometimes it's hard for

an exchange student to get use to their "new" family. Thomas Caroc said, "Now, getting along with my host family is easy, it just took time to get settled and adjust to the new rules. In Finland my family is very independent, they would go away for a few days and I could have my friends over. Now things are different. My host family has different rules than I am use to. It's been difficult for me to adjust," said Lepisto.

Making new friends is a very big part of being a new student, foreign or not. All three of the foreign exhange students felt that Griffith students have made it a lot easier for them to adjust here. "I feel that people are very open and outgoing here, this has made it a lot

easier," said Raquel Lopez. Lepisto said, "People in Finland are much more quiet and shy than here."

Generally, a person would think that foreign exchange students really wouldn't get involved in school activities. Jan, Raquel, and Thomas have definately proven this theory wrong. Raquel loves to swim and is on the girls swim team. Raquel is also very serious about her schoolwork and she loves television.

Thomas is very interested in becoming a commerical artist. He is enrolled in several art classes and enjoys them a lot. Jan is on the tennis team and is now wearing a Griffith letterman's jacket. "For me, getting the jacket was a big accomplishment. It will be fun to show it off."

Jan Lepisto works on problems in his 5th hour Geometry class. Jan enjoys school, and finds it much easier here.



Raquel Lopez uses the library to study and to do her home work. Raquel is very serious about her schoolwork.





A few more finishing touches. Thomas enjoys art very much and hopes one day to be a commercial artist.

The finished product, Raquel Lopez and Thomas Caroc admire Raquel's artwork in their ceramics class.



Concentration. Jan Lepisto prepares to hit the ball. Jan was on this years boys tennis team.



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Stuck in the middle

"We're in the middle just waiting to get out." That just about sums it up on how juniors feel about being

"Sophomores have quite a bit of new things to look forward to. Turnabout, Homecoming, the lock-in, and being able to participate in spirit week." Where does this leave the juniors? Stuck in the middle!

"Seniors are used to all the privileges of being in high school; they have graduation to look forward to. We juniors have nothing new, with the exception of prom, to look forward to. Its kind of boring being in the middle," said junior Pam Evanantz.

Although alot of juniors say that they are stuck in the middle and that their junior year has basically been a bore, a few juniors have had a very good year so far.

Junior Trish Barnaby commented on this by saving she has just obtained her license this year "and last year I really couldn't do much because I didn't have my license. This year I am involved in everything. I'm not just sitting at home wishing I could go like I did last year because I, along with my friends, couldn't drive. I also got a job this year. That means more money

more: I also get in a bit of more trouble than I used to because of new rules'

Junior Gary Logan states that he and his friends are basically "just. hanging out until graduation. There is not much to do when you're a junior, my year hasn't been a bore, I just don't think it has been very exciting."

"The only thing I don't like about being a junior is, everyone looks up to seniors and everyone watches out for sophomores because they are new. I do know that next year I'll be a senior; everyone will soon be looking up to me. It's only fair, you just have to wait your turn like everyone else did, it sure seems like an endless wait though. Otherwise its been a fun year," said junior Mary McCarty.

According to Junior Joe Judge, "Alot of people say that their junior year has been a drag but so far I don't think mine was. Of course it probably won't be as fun as my senior year and it definitely won't be as scarv as me sophomore year but all in all it still has been fun. Anyway, to all the sophomores out there, I only have one year left and you guys have



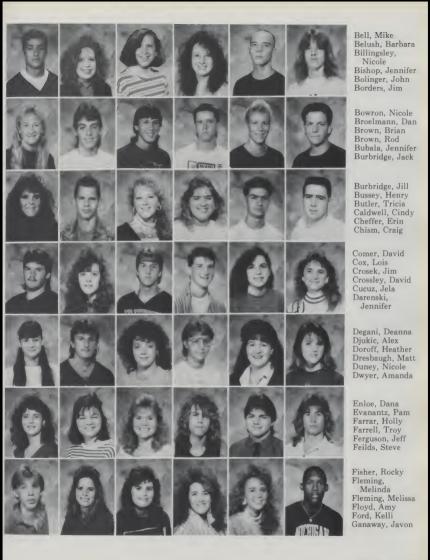
Being a junior, LeeAnne Tucker is, as most juniors say, stuck in the middle. LeeAnne is also stuck on this test.

Adams, Timothy Aldelsperger. Aaron Aldrin, Chad Anderson, Dana Anderson, Jason Argentine, Mark

Baez, Raquel Baker, Michelle Barenie, Anne Barnaby.

Jennifer Barton, Nicole Batliner, Mark





Garvey, Tim Gatilin, Tim Gilbert, Stephanie Gonzalez, Tony Gordon, James Guzicki, Robin

Haas, Robert Hancock, Janice Hanson, Danielle Harder, Jeff Hardin, Wayne

Hart, Don

Hilderbrand, Mark Hilgeman, Eric Hill, Donald Hipp, Michael Hoffman, Eric Hoffman, Karen

Hoover, Scott Isaacs, Phil Jajowka, Scott James, Rob Jaminson, Brian Johnson, Michele

Jorden, Mike Jovanovich, Kristie Judge, Wiliam Keen, Ryan Kelly, Dennis Kilgore, Tina

Kitzmiller, Carla Kleimola, Cathy Koczur, Jason Kominski, Richard Korba, Angela Kreidler, Paul

Kurzeja, Nicole Lacy, David Lamb, Clint Lane, Andrew Lassiter, Jennifer Lauderdale, Marie



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Varsity, a players dream

Varsity, it is considered the highest honor in a high school sport that you can achieve. Varsity teams are mainly made of juniors and seniors. You must first try out for the team. You don't have to be on junior varsity to try out for the team, but you do have to be good. The new players take over the places usually left by the graduated seniors. There are not always spaces to fill and not all who try out for the team make it.

With the varsity team, the attitude of the players change. Although the junior varsity plays for the school, the varsity team is more of the schools team.

According to junior Jeff Harder, "I feel we, the team as a whole, have a different attitude than we had last year. It is definitely more serious now. We all take it more seriously. More eyes are on us. The crowds are bigger and better," Harder also adds, "Being on varsity means we are the top twelve (basketball) players in the school. You owe it to your school because you were

chosen and not everyone that tried out, made it.

Junior Alex Djukic explains that there is also a difference in coaches and a difference in how they play. "Coach Hastings is more mild mannered, he doesn't shout as much and we are not as afraid. Before we were intimidated by Coach Gurrado but that was before we got to know him."

Some juniors feel that they generally get the same playing time others believe that they don't. It all depends on your point of view on how the team is run.

"If you think about it, most coaches are going to let the seniors play first. I don't blame them, I probably would too. Its their last year. It's just the thing about being a senior." said junior Alex Djukic, "but, if you are good, you are going to get to play. Senior or not."

Reaching for the hoop, number thirty-four, junior Alex Djukic attempts to make a basket for the varsity basketball team.





Lee, Beth Logan, Gary Lopez, Daryl Maciszak, Mitchell Mangrum, Paula Marcinak, Kathy

Marcus, Matt Massa, John Mathews, Nick McCarty, Mary McDonnell, Amy McKnight, James

Mele, Tim Menser, Beth Messmer, Eric Mills, Jennifer Mills, Todd Moore, Lisa Mull, Collene Murphy, Benjamen Murphy, Tracy Nash, Mike Nolan, Heather Nordyke, Kevin Osmulski, Lisa Ostrowski, Doug Pacurar, Mike Parker, Sherrie Patterson, Mike Piech, Ronald Piorkowski, Beth Plucinski, Bob Polites, William Potts, Jennifer Powers, Joe Powers, Shannon Pratt. Joshua Raketich, Alicia Reid, Anthony Reitz, Joe Reyome, Jason Rickert, Dawn Rigas, Chris Rocha, George Rodriguez, Laurie Rove, Mickey Royster, Gloria Russell, Sam

Russell, Sherrie Ryan, Pat Saculla, Jennifer Sanders, Ami Schoeborn, Cheryl Schultze, David

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Juniors step on the ISTEP

ISTEP, otherwise known as; Indiana State Testing for Educational Purposes. What does that mean to the Griffith High School juniors?

"I believe that the test itself serves absolutely no purpose," said junior Jennifer Darenski "We go to school for eleven years and if we don't pass this test we have to repeat the grade or go to summer school. True, there have been a few isolated cases where the student has been able to slide by with out knowing how to read or write past an elementary level but again, those were isolated cases. Just don't feel that the ISTEP's are an actual measure of anything.

According to most juniors the ISTEP's are generally easy tests but the fact that if you don't pass them you must repeat the grade or go to summer school, depending on the school board's decision, is what bothers them.

Juniors Jason Reyome and Lois Cox said, "We feel the ISTEP's are a waste of time. There just isn't any purpose for taking them."

Junior Carla Kitzmiller said, "It takes about a week to take the ISTEP test. This week we took it during different hours. A lot of juniors are in mixed classes with seniors and sophomores."

When the majority of the class was not juniors, the teachers went on. Of course it was through no fault of their own that the did that but there was a lot of catching up for us to do. On the other hand there were classes where the majority were juniors but there were sophomores and seniors who had to waste their time in a study hall while the rest of us took our tests. It kind of makes you wonder why they added extra days to the school year. Was it to take the ISTEP was it to take the ISTEP was it to take the ISTEP of the school year.

Junior David Crossley summed up an average teenagers point of view on taking the test, "I don't mind at all, it means I get out of class."

Required by the state of Indiana, junior Melinda Fleming is taking the ISTEP test which was given in March. The testing took four days.

















Jennifer Shoulders, Laura Smith, Aimee













Smith, Corrie Smith, Mike Synder, Doug Stanford, Pamela

Stone, Jennifer Strack, Amy

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Senior year plans for '91

As soon as the class of 1990's seniors graduate, the class of 1991 will be the new seniors. Most of them will be in awe that they finally made it and they will be imagining how they will make their last year better than the previous eleven.

A few are already conjuring up ideas on what needs to be done in order to make their senior year memorable. Here are some of their ideas:

- "Pass all of my classes."
- "Party! Party some more!"
- "Go to Prom." "Date, drive, etc."
- "Get accepted to college." "Become the valedictorian."
- "Win the football championship."

To some juniors like Trish Barnaby,

the saying "Your senior year is the best time of your life" does not seem to hold true for her. Instead her year will, according to her, go something like this, "You go to school for twelve years, you graduate and you are out. Freedom? No, not in today's world. I will have at least four more years of school left. Finding a good job and working eight hours a day is hard to do. That's not including a family and all the responsibilities that go along with it. In a way, when people ask me about what I'm most looking forward to in my senior year, I just want to say HELP! I don't want to grow up vet!"

However you view it your senior year is just down the road.

Stucky, Matt Stucky, Mike Stur. Nick Swatts, Chris Szafarczyz, Ron Torrez, Martin

Trivunovic, Mara Troska, Dennis Tucker. LeeAnne Van Horssen. Garret. Verbrich, John Vittorio, Nick

Voorheis. Spencer Vrehas, Nancy Wallen, Jeff Washick J. Wilbach, Tim Wojciechoski, Eric

Worosz, Mike Wright, Jason Wyrick, Mike Zebracki. Christine Zebracki, Michelle

Woodard, Eric





Smiling brightly at the crowd and taking a short breather, junior Michelle Zebracki is now ready to go on with her routine with her fellow pantherettes.

Jill Burbridge, junior, is showing her stuff at a pep rally for the varsity basketball team. A lot of time and effort goes into making a routine for the squad.





I'd better get this deadline done thinks juniors Nikki Bowron. Nikki is working on her Panther Press assignment. They have a deadline for the paper every two weeks.

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Moving up the Ladder

Feeling scared, curious and anxious all at the same time? These feelings spell out just what sophomores feel.

Making that change from the junior high up to the senior high seems to be a very nerve racking time in everyone's life. Just what kind of feelings do sophomores experience at that time? Pat Vrehas said "I felt like I was moving way up in a really different environment."

A different environment is right. There is more freedom and responsibility along with harder work. Neil Miklusak said, "Last year we were like the head leader with less freedom and easier work but now we are like seventh graders but have more freedom and harder work." As Ed Bukowski said, "There is more responsibility with class work in high school than in junior high because in junior high teachers kept on you until they got your work from you, but being up here in the senior high you are on your own, no hassle." There are so many privilages too, such as open lunch and special events to go to and take part in that make it so much more

Sophomore Allison Kundrot works on a dress in her sewing class. Some clothes were modelled in the spring fashion show. Sometimes having someone you know in the high school is helpful. Ed Bukowski said, "Trying to find out where your classes are is a big enough problem to worry about, but if you knew your counselors better in order to communicate and ask questions to them then it would be a lot less nerve

racking."

After all, everything gets nerve racking when you are in high school. For instance, starting your sophomore year you get the feeling of being closer to graduation.

Having to start planning and working up to graduation and college plans are a part of being a sophomore.

Even with the nervousness and newness of being in the senior high, everyone enjoys making older friends and taking on responsibilities and thinking about the future. Sherry Bragg said, "This year I am making plans for the future more than last year. It is something that is important to do in your sophomore year."

With everything that goes with being a sophomore, students can enjoy their years and look forward to the next two years of high school.

Anderson, Kirsten Anderson, Tara Atkins, Larry Bell, Buffy Bennett, Kelly Bodley, Alicia

Bodley, Michelle Bogieski, Adrienne Bogner, James Bolinger, Malinda Borman, Keith Bowie, Troy





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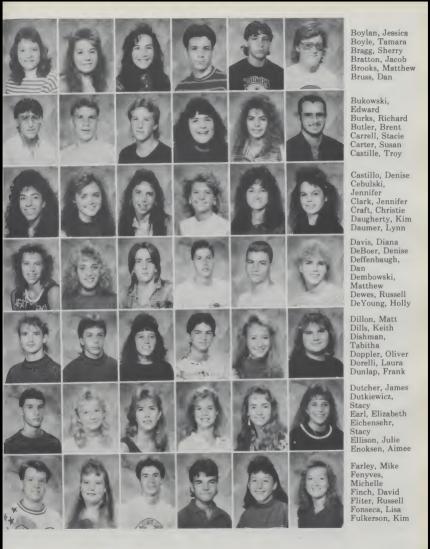












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Boredom...passing the time

Picture this, it's another school day, You are sitting in class and things are getting really boring. Yes boys and girls, it's lecture time! How fun! You decide you have to find some way to pass the time before you die of horedom.

All of us have things we do to pass the time. Here are how some sophomores pass the time and survive the boredom.

"When I have a really boring class I stare off into space and concentrate on my boyfriend and what I'm going to do over the weekend," said sophomore Tracy Merriman.

This is a pretty typical thing for a girl to do when she is dying of boredom. Her boyfriend always seems to be a great time passer. For those of you who don't do this, consider it, it does help to pass the time for awhile. There has to be other things that one can do to make time fly. Sophomore Rebecca Wisniski said, "Books seem to do the trick for me, I can fly through an entire class, J'm like in my own little world. I daydream a lot too when I'm in a boring class."

It always seems that when most of us get really bored we tend to envision very large quantities of food and how much better life would be if we actually had all of that food right now. Sophomore Bryan Calocy has this 'problem.' When I get really bored I concentrate on some candy and catch some z's. Sometimes I do other homework.' This sounds pretty normal but Denise Castillo does something pretty off-the-wall.

"When I'm dying of boredom I sing songs in my head, you sing one song and you've already wasted five minutes. Then you only need to sing eleven more songs in your mind and class is over."

Some of these things do seem a little weird, but at least they liven things up.

Doodling is another very popular past time. Pretty much everyone doodles. Troy Bowie goes way beyond just doodling. "I like to sit and draw pictures of anything. I also like to draw funny pictures of the teacher."

We daydream, doodle, read books, and many other interesting things when we are bored. The methods may be different, but the purpose is the same. Boring lectures mean students have to find some way to pass the time.

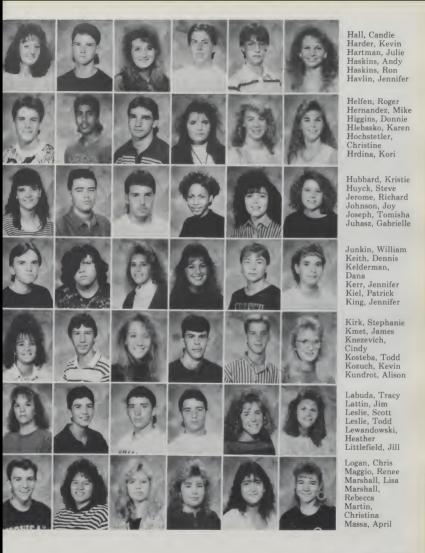
Sophomore Jerry Murdock scribbles on his folder as he tries to pass the time during a very boring lecture.



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Expectations of future

Picture this. It's your sophomore year and you have finally reached the "high school". After elementary and junior high you have entered the 10th grade in which your class finally has a name for it that means something. What goes through the minds of most sophomores that are overwhelmed with the high school atmosphere and what are they searching and waiting for in the years to come?

"I can't wait until I get the chance to be an all varsity football player," said sophomore Todd Leslie.

Sophomore Julie Ellison added, "I look forward to playing varsity volleyball."

For those who are not so sports minded, anticipation of other extracurricular activities is exciting

"The one thing I want to be able to do is to go to the prom," said sophomore Jennifer King.

"Prom is going to be great when I am a junior because I get to be with all my friends," said sophomore Sherry Bragg.

Along with anticipation related to school activities, many things that deal with personal lives come in your junior and senior year.

"I can't wait until I get my license and get to drive to school instead of walking or bumming a ride," said sophomore Bryan Galocy.

Even though some things may seem exciting to the newcomers, there may also be things that have been passed down from upper classmen that they are not looking forward to.

"I am not looking forward to my junior and senior year because I have a lot of hard classes to take," said Ronda Meyers.

"What I dred most are my math' classes because I know they are going to be hard," said sophomore Rebecca Wisinski.

"Biology is one class that I am not looking forward to because I have heard that it takes up a lot of time and is hard," said sophomore Drew Michael.

Well, when it comes right down to it, most sophomores have something they may or may not be looking forward to in their high school years. Whether it be harder classes, varsity sports or formal sports, they all will play a large role in the lives of most sophomores.

However, Dedra Rutherford sums up the feelings of some of the class of '92, "I can't wait until I am a senior because that will mean no more school and that sounds good to me."

Sophomores Buffy Bell, and John Washick walk together down the hall to their next class.

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More money, lower grades

When you are first starting off in high school, things can be really rough. It seems harder to get good grades. Peer pressure gets harder to resist, and you become more interested in after school activities. When a sophomore has a job, school can sometimes seem impossible. "The only really bad thing about working is it is very hard to get my homework done," said sophomore Ronda Myers.

Sometimes, sophomores work long hours until very late at night. They work at places like McDonalds, Arby's, Burger King, Venture, and Dairy Queen. Sophomore Rebecca Wisinski said, "I work on weekdays and on weekends. On the weekdays I sometimes work until 11:30 at night." This is a problem, how can anyone possibly have the time to do their homework when they are working until 11:30 at night or later? "When I work I have to stay up until really late at night to get all of my homework done," said Wisinski.

Grades are sacraficed in order to have extra money to buy the things students want. Parents aren't always willing to buy their kids everything

Sophomore Bryan Galocy arranges the garden hoses at Franks. Bryan works on weekends, and sometimes on weekdays. they want so the kids have to get a job. Unfortunately the money they make is just enough to pay for some of those things.

"I make minimum wage where I work (Highland Department Store), but it is just enough to pay for my car insurance," said Myers. Car insurance is a very common thing that sophomores have to worry about paying for. What are some other reasons why more and more sophomores are getting jobs? Sophomore Samantha Kolbert said,

"Basically the only reason why I work is because I have to pay my outrageous phone bill." Wisinski said, "I work to pay car insurance and I am saving up money to go to college."

Late nights, O.K. pay, and a decrease in grades are all part of the deal when a sophomore starts working. These are some really big sacrafices for a high school student to make just for some extra money. Is sacraficing grades for extra money really worth it? Mike Farley, sophomore said, "I think working is very much worth the sacrafices I have to make. My working makes the difference in whether or not I drive; I have to pay car insurance.

Most sophomores that work would agree, working does cause problems in school, but it's well worth it.

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Hot buys

New uniforms and equipment, trips, and yearbooks. Where does Griffith High School get the money to pay for all of these things? Without the help of fundraisers and ad selling, none of these things would be possible. Every year, students roam the halls with boxes of candy, raffle tickets, sweatshirts. bracelets, pens, and many other items used to raise money for certain activities. While eating candy is usually not permitted in most classrooms, most teachers make an exception for candy that is part of a fundraiser.

Although there are some exceptions, most fundraisers at G.H.S. are successful. Many clubs and teams have been able to raise enough money to buy new uniforms, take trips, and send members to camps or workshops.

This year there were many different and successful fundraisers done by organizations in school looking to make money. M & Ms, candy bars and suckers were just a few of the many treats that students were selling. The new 'Bad to the Bone' saying that became so popular this fall was the perfect opportunity to earn money. Sweatshirts, key chains, t-shirts and other things with this ever popular saying on them were sold by different organizations during the football season. Students took this

Selling ads, M&Ms, keychains, computer dating sheets, bracelets and other money makers is a big part of activities at G.H.S

opportunity to show school spirit as well as support fellow students

selling these things.

Most people don't realize just how important raising money is. As most coaches, sponsors, athletes, and anyone else involved in any activity requiring fundraisers knows, becoming involved in raising money in this way is not always fun and there is also usually a lot

of hard work involved.

Another thing that most people do not realize is that in order for the Reflector staff as well as the Panther Press staff to produce a vearbook or a newspaper for the school, many ads must be sold by the staffers. Selling an ad to different companies is harder than it may seem to those who do not have to do it. Usually, meeting face to face with the person your trying to sell to is the most successful because the people often feel more pressured this way. When the company agrees to buy an ad from either staff, they then must decide on what size they want and what they want the ad to say. Later, the company is billed and that money goes toward the production of the yearbook or newspaper.

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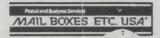
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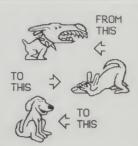
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Dancing the night away. This couple takes time to share a slow dance during a Friday night dance. Many G.H.S. students attended dances after games.

Ready, set, go! Senior Matt Galocy gets ready to plunge into a nice, cool pool after spending the day working in the hot summer sun.









Ahhhh! Senior Julie Lator dumps a bottle full of cold water over her head after finishing her race during a track meet. Teammate junior Jenny Seberger stands ready to help if she is needed.





The end of the school year. With this comes many things. Spring is here and the nice weather is tempting to the many students who are more than ready to start their summer vacation. Spring sports are still in action and athletes spend a lot of time practicing or competing. School banquets and initiations seem to clutter the calander. Rushed teachers hurry to get all of the teaching done and seem to schedule quizzes and tests every other day. For most students, this kind of schedule is to be expected at the end of every school year. No matter how hard you try or how much you plan, it seems that the end of the school year always ends up in near chaos.

Despite the long days and late nights, looking back on the past school year, you can usually find great times.

First, the memorable 1989 football season had it's share of game dances, and trips to McDonalds this football season. The outstanding performances by all of the academic teams is something to remember also. Calumet's attempt at TPing the high school before the football game is something that may stand out in the mind of many especially because of their failed attempt at spray painting the word CALUMET on the school.

No matter how frustrating it became at times, the 1989-90 school year was hot and gold.



High five me! Sophomore Kevin Harder high fives his teammate after scoring a goal for the team during a soccer game. Preparing for the games by a lot of hard practice is extremely important.

Don't let me fall, coach. Freshman Lee Ann Riese looks to girls track coach, Lee Bollhorst, for support.



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